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Gov't to ease Jerusalem Arab ID troubles

By JON IMMANUEL

The government plans to make it easier for Arab residents of eastern Jerusalem who have left the city to keep their Israeli residence permits. This would reverse a policy which has been implemented with increasing stringency since the Oslo 2 agreement gave the Palestinian Authority control over most West Bank Palestinians.

"The government is working on the issue [of residence permits]. We are considering making the conditions better for Arabs in eastern Jerusalem and we have had meetings about it in the past two weeks," said prime minister spokesman Shai Bazak.

Currently, residency permits may be revoked if an Arab holder lives abroad for seven years, receives a permanent resident permit from another country, or becomes a naturalized citizen of another country, the Interior Ministry said in a statement yesterday.

David Bar-Illan, the prime minister's communications adviser, was quoted by Reuters as saying that there is a difference between eastern Jerusalem Arabs and other permanent residents in Israel. "The residents are not exactly immigrants, but people who were born here and whose roots are deep in the city, and we would like to remove what seems to be a very irritating bureaucratic procedure," he said.

It was not clear whether the reference to "immigrants" and "abroad" also includes Jerusalem Arabs who leave the city for nearby cities like Ramallah, then find they lose their identity cards and can no longer enter Jerusalem to work or study. Nor was it clear whether those who lost their IDs would get them back.

Human rights groups have reported nighttime raids on houses in villages just outside Jerusalem in which identity cards are checked and sometimes confiscated.

"There is a feeling that that they are being shoved out of Jerusalem. They're just not allowed to build, so they have to move outside and this subjects them to losing their identity cards," a US diplomatic source said.

Many of those whose residency permits have been challenged have adopted US citizenship, which has involved the US State Department directly in the problem.

The talk of easing conditions comes just before the impending visit of US peace talks envoy Dennis Ross. The US has requested confidence-building measures, of which this is one.

The numbers of identity cards revoked in the past 20 months are put at over 1,000 by Palestinians sources, but the Interior Ministry said that since January 1996 it had found 1,047 residents with expired permits. The figure was about twice that before many individuals proved through other documents that they had continued residing in Jerusalem.

The Interior Ministry defends its policy on the grounds that other permanent residents who leave the country are subject to the same law. But it neglects to note that the others come from overseas and are foreigners, while the Jerusalem residents have often lived and worked in the city all their lives. They did not come to Israel – Israel came to them in June 1967.

On the same basis, their decision to live outside the municipal boundaries is described as having moved "abroad." Technically this is defended on the grounds that Ramallah has been under Palestinian Authority control since December 1995, but some villages are in Area C under full Israeli control.

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An officer lights a memorial candle during last night's ceremony at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem, marking the start of Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Day. (Isaac Harari)

Ceremony recalls painful past, and looks to better future

By ELLI WOHLGELERNTER

Victims and survivors of the Holocaust were remembered and honored at last night's state ceremony at Yad Vashem marking Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Day.

Speeches by President Ezer Weizman and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu stressed both the suffering of the past – specifically touching on this year's theme of the 1.5 million children killed in the Holocaust – and the hope for the future represented by a strong Israel.

"It is impossible not to wonder about the potential artists, scientists, and scholars that were among the murdered children; about the leaders, the generals, and the physicians stolen from us in their death," Netanyahu said.

"It is impossible not to wonder about how different the course of history might have been, had [Theodor] Herzl's vision been realized a few years earlier. If only our state had been established a decade before World War II; if only we could have protected our brothers and sisters, who were doomed to extinction, with our own forces.

"Today, we promise them, survivors and victims alike, that we shall dedicate our lives to ensure that the danger of annihilation never hovers over our children's heads, that they shall never know terror or fear, nor die an untimely death.

"Today, we vow that we will maintain a strong Israel, that we shall achieve peace for our people and that we shall give our children and grandchildren security and hope," Netanyahu said.

The day's ceremonies, Page 3

Throughout the evening's speeches and musical interludes, held in an intermittent rain, film clips were shown on a large screen set up in one corner of the Warsaw Ghetto Square, adding a visual memory to the words being spoken.

The most moving part of the one-hour ceremony was film clips of each of the six child survivors telling his or her story before stepping forward with a torch to light their individual flames.

Afterward, Litman Mor, a survivor of the Vilna ghetto, addressed the audience of several thousand on behalf of all survivors.

"Let us remember the individuals' daily struggle for life, the survival instincts of the starving children who, risking their lives, hunted for a scrap of bread," he said. "Let us recall the fight for survival in the hiding places, the ghettos, the camps, and the forests."

Also taking part in the ceremony were the chief rabbis, Eliahu Bakshi-Doron, who read a psalm, and Yisrael Meir Lau, himself a child survivor, who said Kaddish.

Weizman said the evening's ceremony was not just commemoration and memory, "but also one of identification and empathy with the survivors living among us. We pass on the legacy to our children, not to instill sorrow in them, nor to detract from the love and happiness in their lives, but so that they build a life of security, justice, faith, and hope in Israel."

Weizman said that Holocaust Remembrance Day is a perfect time to "appeal once again to the Jews of the Diaspora with a warm, sincere, and heartfelt call from the homeland, whose gates are open to welcome them: Arise and immigrate to Israel; you will be received with open arms."

Today's ceremonies begin with the two-minute sounding of the siren at 10 a.m., followed by a wreath-laying ceremony at Yad Vashem. The reading of names and a dedication of a Sefer Torah will take place at the Knesset, and closing ceremonies for the day will take place at Kibbutz Lohamei Hageta'ot.

Weizman, Arafat meet tomorrow

By BATSHEVA TSUR

In an effort to give new momentum to the stalemated peace process, President Ezer Weizman is to meet tomorrow with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat.

The meeting is to take place on the Israeli side of the Erez checkpoint at the entrance to the Gaza Strip at 6 p.m., Beit Hanassi announced.

This is the second time the president has decided to intervene when the peace process seemed to be stagnating.

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Weizman invited Arafat to his Caesarea home last October, after Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu failed to set a date to meet with the PA head. Netanyahu then hastened to announce a meeting and met with Arafat before the president.

The current initiative, Palestinian sources said, also comes at Weizman's behest. But sources said Weizman's move has been closely coordinated with Netanyahu, via contacts between cabinet secretary Danny Naveh and Weizman's bureau chief, Arye Shumer. Foreign Minister David Levy was also involved.

Weeks of international diplomatic efforts, particularly by US peace process coordinator Dennis Ross, who was said to have played a pivotal role, preceded yesterday's announcement. Also involved in efforts to bring the sides together were the Europeans, particularly EU envoy Miguel Moratinos, who is currently visiting Israel, the sources said.

Meanwhile, Netanyahu is to meet with Levy and Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai today to discuss the peace process prior to Ross's arrival later this week.

Arafat flew to Egypt yesterday to meet with President Hosni Mubarak, a visit Palestinian sources said is aimed at coordinating a position in advance of the expected resumption of talks.

Despite the crisis between the government and the PA, Weizman continued to keep lines open to the Palestinians. Shumer, who had been in contact with Palestinian leaders over the weekend, yesterday met with Arafat adviser Ahmed Tibi to wind up details of the meeting. The official announcement of the breakthrough followed shortly afterward.

Tibi said later that the Palestinians are placing their hopes on the president's ability to help patch up the tensions between the two sides. These, he said, were caused by the decision to go ahead with the Har Homa building project and "the unfortunate decision with regard to redeploying [in the West Bank by] only by 2 percent." But these were not the only problems, he said, and the meeting is intended to smooth over the "overall tensions."

Arafat is interested in meeting with the president, Tibi added, because Weizman enjoys wide popular support, can influence public opinion, and has experience with the peace process. Arafat also has respect for Weizman's position, Tibi said.

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Joint Palestinian-Israeli search finds missing 3-year-old

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Police were surrounded by joyous Palestinian villagers, after a missing three-year-old boy was found alive and well, following an all-night search by police, soldiers, and local villagers.

According to Judea and Samaria Police spokesman Opher Sivan, the Binyamin police station received a frantic call from the Hagara family in Beit Lakkia close to midnight on Saturday night. They said their three-year-old son had disappeared.

According to Sivan, the family had spent the day working in the fields. On their return home they discovered they had left their three-year-old son where they had been working. But when they returned to the site the boy was not there, and the frantic parents contacted the police.

According to Sivan, police IDF soldiers and jeeps, tracker dogs, and a police helicopter took part in the search that continued until yesterday morning. Sivan said that local villagers also joined the search, and it was one of the locals who discovered the missing boy at around 10 a.m., five kilometers from where his parents had left him. The boy, who appeared to be good shape, was taken to Ramallah Hospital to be examined.

"In days when stoning incidents are reported daily, the police suddenly found themselves surrounded by happy villagers, who broke into song and dance praising them," said Sivan.

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in brief

Civil servants to step up sanctions

Unless a last-minute solution to their salary dispute is found, some 10,000 government workers are to step up their sanctions against 15 government ministries today.

The workers said they will stop issuing payments to contractors, suppliers, local authorities, and scientific and religious institutions. They will also stop issuing authorizations and paying rent to the Housing Ministry for new immigrants, stop receiving immigrants at Ben-Gurion Airport, and stop paying the absorption basket.

In a related development, doctors at the two Hadassah-University hospitals in Jerusalem resume sanctions this morning, closing all ambulatory services. *Judy Siegel*

Haredim cancel Bar-Ilan demonstration

The haredim who have been demonstrating for the closure of Jerusalem's Rehov Bar-Ilan announced yesterday that they had "frozen" the mass demonstration planned for tomorrow.

Haredi activist Yehuda Meshi-Zahav said they had been promised that Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy would this week announce his decision to close the road during prayer times on Shabbat and holidays. The Transport Ministry, however, said there is no certainty the decision will be announced this week. *Itim*

New ambassador in Amman

Israel's second ambassador to Jordan, Oded Eran, takes up his post today, the embassy in Amman announced yesterday.

Eran replaces Shimon Shamir, who will return to teach at Tel Aviv University. *Itim*

Moratinos: Syria does want peace

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

European Union peace process delegate Miguel Moratinos met with Foreign Minister David Levy yesterday, bringing what he said is a "message of peace" from Syria.

Moratinos, who had arrived from Damascus before dawn, said that contrary to the reports in the Israeli media about the threat of war from Syria, his impression was that Syria is interested in resuming the peace process.

"Instead of the noise of the drums of war the Israeli media writes about, I heard in Damascus the drums of peace, and that they are fully committed to relaunch the peace process with Israel and take part in it," he said.

Moratinos added that the European Union is trying to get the two sides back to the negotiating table.

The two men are believed to have examined a Syrian proposal to resume the peace talks on the basis of the Madrid Conference, as stated in the resolution statement of the recent Malta Conference.



EU envoy Miguel Moratinos (left) and Foreign Minister David Levy talk to reporters after yesterday's meeting at the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem. (Brian McBarney)

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May her memory be a blessing and comfort to the family.

PA holds 'Israeli bombing agent'

By JON IMMANUEL

The Palestinian Authority yesterday introduced a man they said was an Israeli agent who recruited the two Islamic Jihad suicide bombers whose explosives detonated prematurely in Gaza on April 1, wounding seven Palestinians but no Israelis.

Ibrahim Halaby, 27, smiled and seemed relaxed as he sat between two armed guards of Amin Hindi's General Security Agency at a news conference in Gaza's Ministry of Information. He said he was recruited by "the Shabak," Israel's General Security Services in 1988, "after I was involved in a morals scandal." His job was to infiltrate Hamas and Islamic Jihad.

He met with an agent called "Mini" from time to time, and this February he told Mini that he knew of plans by Islamic Jihad to carry out suicide attacks. Mini asked him to recruit two of these would-be bombers. He recruited one man in Jabalya refugee camp and asked him to bring another.



Ibrahim Halaby (Reuter)

On April 1, Halaby gave the men two belts of explosives he had received on March 15. One went to the settlement of Kfar Darom, the other to Netzarim, and both exploded prematurely, detonated by Israeli agents according to the PA.

Halaby said he was arrested April 7, confessed his part in the explosions freely, and had not been tortured.

The Prime Minister's Office issued a statement describing the charges as "a grotesque lie."

Former GSS deputy head MK Gideon Ezra said the accusations were worse than that "because instead of there being cooperation between the two sides' security services, in which their side clarified details with Israeli intelligence before publicizing it, the Palestinian center of information found it appropriate to release a story like this to blacken Israel and this is not the way of cooperation between security services."

The story exonerates the two bombers of being Israeli agents themselves, and explains why their families said they were Islamic Jihad members. Islamic Jihad leaders denied that the bombers were sent by Islamic Jihad, but a leaflet written by younger members in April, said the leadership was cowardly, knew the bombers and accused the leadership of abandoning the "martyrs."

MK Itzik: PM must reveal full extent of Syrian threat

By LIAT COLLINS and Itim

MK Dalia Itzik, head of Labor's response team, yesterday called on Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu to reveal the full extent of the threat of war with Syria.

Labor Party MKs also requested that the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee convene to discuss reports on the danger of war with Syria and Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak's comment that the IDF doesn't have enough money to prepare for the next war.

"The report by the head of the Military Intelligence Research Unit obliges the premier to stop burying his head in the sand," she said. "And the statements by the chief of general staff show the prime minister is carrying out a dangerous policy on security issues."

In a related matter, Meretz leader Yossi Sarid is renewing his petition to the High Court of Justice concerning the distribution of gas masks, following the government's decision last week not to budget for their continued allocation.

Sarid petitioned the court some six months ago demanding that the government budget for the distribution and updating of gas masks, but he dropped the petition after receiving a written promise from the State Attorney's Office, which said the government would supply all the necessary funds.

Sarid said yesterday that the government "is trying to lead me up the wrong path and endanger the lives of citizens by taking away from men, women, and children the capability of being properly supplied with essential preventative equipment.

"Now of all times, when the threat of chemical warfare against Israeli citizens is increasing, the government is abandoning us and we cannot accept this."

He said that all parts of the defense establishment agree that the gas masks are essential.

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Three killed in 120 road accidents

Three people were killed and 166 were injured, four of them seriously, in 120 road accidents throughout the country yesterday. Police attributed the large number of mishaps to the unexpected, heavy rain early in the day.

In the Jerusalem area alone, three people were killed and 34 injured in 18 accidents. Two of the victims died when a cement truck overturned near Shiloh. Two injured were trapped inside until a Fire and Rescue Service unit freed them.

One person was killed and six were injured, one of them seriously, in a chain collision near Efrat.

Two persons were seriously hurt in a three-vehicle pileup outside Moshav Ben-Zakai near Yavne. The accident occurred when a truck skidded into the opposite lane, colliding with an oncoming car, which was then struck from behind by another truck. The driver of the second truck and a passenger in the car were seriously injured, and the driver of the first truck was pinned in the wreckage for over an hour.

Near Kiryat Gat a truck driver who ran a stop sign collided with an oncoming bus and was seriously injured.

Meanwhile, a month after the introduction of the much-advertised "Project 700" traffic law-enforcement campaign, Army Radio reported an increase in the number of traffic fatalities and accidents. In April, 47 people were killed on the roads, compared with 42 during the same period last year (although the report did not mention the increase in the number of vehicles on the roads, nor the fact that the Pessah vacation was much later this year). (Itim)

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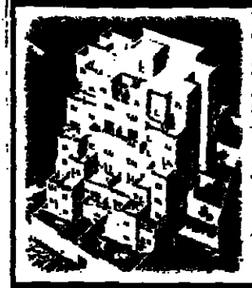
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Examining her statue at yesterday's opening of the Simon Wiesenthal AMCHA Center in Tel Aviv are (from right) sculptress Gila Bar-Tal, Mayor Ronni Milo, and Sima Weiss, head of the Tel Aviv branch of AMCHA, the center for psychological support of Holocaust survivors and the second generation. Today, AMCHA is operating special telephone hot lines to help survivors and their families cope with memories awakened by Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Day. (Ronen Engel/Israel Sun)

Sirens to start day's remembrance events

By ELLI WOHLGELERNTER and LIAT COLLINS

Today's events marking Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Day begin at 10 a.m., with the sounding of a two-minute siren. This will be followed immediately by a wreath-laying ceremony at Warsaw Ghetto Square at Yad Vashem.

Participants are to include President Ezer Weizman, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon and other public figures, survivors' organizations, school children and delegations from around the country.

Between 10:30 and 1:00, the names of Holocaust victims will be recited by members of the public in the Hall of Remembrance at Yad Vashem and at sites around the country, as part of the "Every Person Has a Name" project begun in 1989.

The main memorial ceremony will take place at 1 p.m. in the Hall of Remembrance, and a ceremony for youth movements will take place at 5:30. Yad Vashem is open to the public today from 8:00-8:00.

At the Knesset, six candles will be lit in a memorial ceremony at 10:30. Weizman, Netanyahu, Tichon and their wives along with the chief rabbis and other public officials will read the names of children who perished in the Holocaust, as part of the "Every person has a name" project.

Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Yisrael Lau, Maj.-Gen. (res.) Yossi Peled, former Knesset speaker and Labor MK Shevah Weiss and Judge Yosef Eliaz will recount their Holocaust experiences.

Sephardi Chief Rabbi Eliahu Bakshi-Doron will read a chapter of Mishna and recite Kaddish, the mourner's prayer. IDF Chief Rabbi Gad Navon will read psalms.

After the ceremony, the guests will move to the Knesset's synagogue for the dedication of a Torah scroll in the memory of children who died in the Holocaust. Weizman, Netanyahu, Tichon and the chief rabbis will each write a letter in the Torah scroll.

MK Yona Yahav (Labor) said yesterday he will submit a bill that would grant a pension to Righteous Gentiles.

"Most of the surviving Righteous Gentiles live in poverty and poor conditions and the Government of Israel must make a gesture of goodwill towards them," Yahav said.

Under the bill, the finance minister would determine the size and criteria of the pension.

The Jewish Agency will hold a symposium on the struggle for the restitution of Jewish assets, with Prof. Jean-Francois Bergier, who was recently appointed by the Swiss government to head a commission of historians investigating Swiss policy and involvement in World War II.

Few haredim will stand for siren

By HAIM SHAPIRO

When the siren sounds this morning, marking a moment of silence in memory of the six million Jewish martyrs of the Holocaust, David Skulsky will be standing, but he admits that he will be one of the few members of the haredi community to do so.

The haredi community steadfastly refuses to observe what they consider to be secular rituals, not just on Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Day but also on Remembrance Day for the Fallen of Israel's Wars, which falls next week. The media regularly takes note of this refusal.

"Standing silently has no meaning in Judaism. I would far prefer at 10 o'clock to recite the psalm, 'Out of the depths I have called you, Lord,' or study a chapter of Mishna," said Skulsky, director of the Kiddush Hashem Archives in Bnei Brak.

He said that since the sages of old established the Jewish calendar, it has not been customary to add special days. Moreover, he says, it is especially inappropriate to establish a day of mourning during the month of Nisan, which is considered a time of joy, to the extent that eulogies are not delivered at funerals.

The haredi view is that the Jewish people have suffered many tragedies throughout their history, but they have not set special days to remember them. There were rabbis, he said, who suggested that the Holocaust be marked on 10 Tevet, the fast which commemorates the beginning of the siege of Jersalem by the Babylonians. In fact, the Chief Rabbinate set that day as the memorial day for Holocaust victims. Other rabbis, Skulsky said, suggested Tisha Be'av, the day of the destruction of both Temples.

Skulsky said that he stands in silence, with the rest of the staff of the archives, as an act of solidarity established by the late author, Moshe Prager, who established the archives. The archives, Skulsky said, are not intended to compete with Yad Vashem, but concentrate on the Jewish religious aspects of the Holocaust, of acts of faith of people who performed religious rituals in secret, and of cases where people performed the ultimate mitzva, of giving up their lives for others.

The collection includes some 200,000 photographs and is open daily to the public, although there are no displays. It has plans to some day build a museum and study center, a project which Skulsky said would cost millions of dollars. He denied that the plans are in any way related to haredi criticism of Yad Vashem for displaying photographs of naked victims.

However, in a visit to the archives last week, MK Avraham Ravitz, chairman of the Knesset Finance Committee, said that the state allocates large sums to perpetuate the memory of the heroism, but very little to record the history of the religious communities destroyed in the Holocaust. Ravitz called for increased funding for bodies that perpetuate the memory of religious and haredi victims.

US Jews hold Holocaust commemorations

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK -- Hundreds of American Jewish communities were to hold Holocaust commemorations yesterday to mark Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Day.

The largest event – "Every Person Has a Name" – called for the names of victims to be read in some 230 communities. This program, started by Yad Vashem, was organized in the US by B'nai B'rith and focused on remembering the child victims of the Holocaust.

New York was to commemorate the Holocaust with a ceremony organized by the American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors. The ceremony, however, reflected the schisms in the community, as some Orthodox groups refused, for the second year, to attend because the event was at Temple Emanu-el, a Reform synagogue on Fifth Avenue. The event was to be attended by Israeli Ambassador Eliyahu Ben-Elissar.

Some observers were also startled by the program. The featured speaker was scheduled to be Undersecretary of Commerce Stuart Eizenstat, who is the top American official dealing with Jewish property restitution in Europe.

Eizenstat is also in charge of the US report on Nazi gold and Switzerland, which is to be released this week in Washington.

Eizenstat was an obvious choice because Nazi gold has been a key item on the American Jewish agenda for the last year. However, survivors themselves have been agitated by the focus on the gold, saying that Holocaust remembrance had been tarnished and diminished by the pursuit of "material rewards."

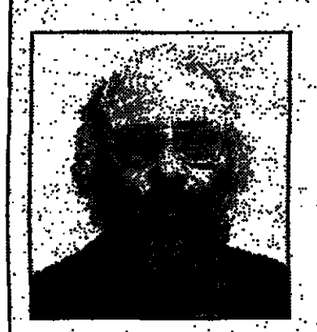
"Six million martyrs were tortured and killed, and the real perpetrators are being put into the background by the 'glitter of gold,' " Roman Kent, chairman of the American Gathering and a survivor of Auschwitz, wrote several months ago in the weekly newspaper *The Forward*. "Is that how we want the Holocaust to be remembered?"

Hillel Kunler adds:

The Washington area's community-wide commemoration of Remembrance Day was to include a late-afternoon ceremony at a local synagogue, followed by a lecture by the Justice Department's former top Nazi hunter, Neal Sher. Later in the day, the Klezmer Conservatory Band was scheduled to perform at the University of Maryland as part of a program that included a lecture on the music of the Holocaust period.

Congress's annual Holocaust memorial event will take place Thursday in the Capitol Rotunda in the presence of leading Congressmen and Senators, US military officials, and an associate justice of the Supreme Court. No special events were scheduled by the US Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Lighters of the torch



David Bergman

Bergman was born in 1931 and raised in Paris. One morning, his mother came home from work and stared to pack their belongings, convinced they were about to be rounded up. The next morning they hid in a non-Jewish neighbor's apartment as the Gestapo arrived. The Nazis returned a few hours later, and this time Bergman hid on the roof. A French policeman told him to keep down, and told the Gestapo there was no one on the roof. When Bergman came downstairs after they had left, he found his family had been taken away. In 1943 he crossed the Swiss border, and came here in May 1945. (Israel Hadari)



Yoram Friedman

Friedman, born near Warsaw, was five when the Nazis invaded Poland. He would roam the Warsaw Ghetto with his mother looking for food, until one day he lost her and could not remember his way home.

Thereafter, he was on his own in the ghetto, until the day he hid inside a garbage cart leaving the ghetto and escaped into the forest. One day, while hiding in a potato field, he came across a bearded man who turned out to be his father. Together a few hours, they then decided to part. Shortly afterwards, Friedman heard gunshots, and knew his father had been shot. He came here in 1962. (Israel Hadari)



Esther Pasker Gelbelman

Gelbelman lived in Kishinev when the Nazis entered in 1941. The family was caught and sent to the Bogdanovka camp, where they were held in pigpens. Romanian police rounded up the camp inmates in December 1941, and brought them to pits that were set alight. Many were thrown in and burned alive. Gelbelman's brother was shot dead, and her mother fell on the corpse, and was badly beaten by police. She died of her wounds days later. Gelbelman's twin brother was also shot dead. Gelbelman came here in 1974. (Tav Or)



Naomi Kalski

Born in 1929 in Lvov, Poland, she had to look for food daily for her younger brother and sister, and her bedridden father. Her three-year-old brother became malnourished, and Kalski took him to the hospital. When she returned with soup the next day, she was told the hospital had been vacated and the children thrown from the windows. She continued to work every day, eventually smuggling food into the ghetto.

After obtaining false papers, she managed to escape the ghetto and went to live with a Polish woman. She came here after the war.



David Salz

Salz was born in Berlin in 1929. His father was imprisoned in 1936, and despite numerous attempts to find him, Salz never found out where or how his father was executed in 1939. His mother was arrested in 1943, leaving Salz alone in the apartment for several days. Determined to find her, Salz went to Gestapo headquarters, and demanded to be taken to where his mother was being held. He was badly beaten, and was sent to several camps, including Auschwitz. He escaped from a death march in 1945, and in 1946 emigrated to Israel. (Tav Or)



Noga Davidof

Davidof was born in 1941 in Kavalla, Greece, a town with a Jewish population of 4,000-5,000. In 1943, when the entire Jewish community was sent to the death camps, a neighbor saved Davidof and her two sisters by hiding them in the basement in urns covered by tobacco leaves. The oldest sister, 12, would go out each day to the tobacco factory, while the two youngest stayed behind. Hunger forced them to sneak out from their hiding place and sit on the pavement begging for food. All three sisters survived the war. Davidof emigrated to Israel at 4½ at the end of the war. (Isaac Harari)

Compiled by Elli Wohlgelernter

Pupils meet with Righteous Gentiles in Poland

By Jerusalem Post Staff

Three thousand Jewish youth from Israel and abroad held a memorial ceremony at the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp yesterday to mark Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Day.

Some 1,400 Israeli pupils left for Poland this past week. This is the tenth year Israeli youth delegations have gone there, and some 30,000 pupils have visited Poland in this framework, the Education Ministry said.

On Saturday night, the pupils held a special salute to Righteous Gentiles in Warsaw and Cracow, in which the Israeli ambassador to Poland named seven Polish citizens Righteous Gentiles. In Cracow, the pupils met with 25 Righteous Gentiles and heard about their efforts to save Jews.

The pupils also helped to restore the writing on tombstones in Jewish cemeteries in three Polish towns. In cases where the tombstones were completely erased, the pupils filled in cards with whatever information they could gather.

Efforts will be made here to determine the names through the use of commemorative books of destroyed Jewish communities, and other groups of pupils leaving in September and October will fill in the missing names.

Future delegations of pupils will "adopt" the Jewish cemetery in Cracow, which is in bad condition, and will help refurbish the tombstones there. Education Minister Zevulun Hammer said a larger number of pupils will visit Poland during the next school year.

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WORLD
in brief

Troops disperse Moslem protest in Indonesia

YOGYAKARTA, Indonesia (Reuter) – Indonesian soldiers wielding sticks dispersed a demonstration by Moslem youths in the central Javan city of Yogyakarta yesterday as tensions between contestants in Indonesia's election rose.

Armed troops charged the protest by about 100 Moslem youths after they took to the street to express anger against a recent attack on the local offices of the Moslem-oriented United Development Party.

Thai boat carrying 600 tourists capsizes

BANGKOK (AP) – A ferry carrying 600 tourists capsized yesterday off the beach resort island of Phuket, but all the tourists were rescued.

The tourists, most of whom were foreigners, were picked up by local fishermen plying the waters near Flower Island in the Andaman Sea. The boat hit a reef near Flower Island while traveling from Phuket to Phi Phi, a smaller resort island.

Police were searching for the ferry captain, who fled after being rescued.

1 dead in French gypsy baptism shooting

LYONS, France (Reuter) – One man was killed and two others wounded when hooded gunmen opened fire in a hall where gypsies were holding a party to celebrate a baptism yesterday.

Between 30 and 40 people were present when the four gunmen broke into the hall and started shooting. Most of those present had fled when police arrived on the scene.

London's Royal Academy opens despite fire

LONDON (Reuter) – London's Royal Academy opened as usual yesterday after a blaze that forced a frantic battle to save priceless works of art from fire and water damage.

More than 100 firefighters fought the flames at the famous art gallery on Piccadilly for three hours Saturday night, while staff raced to rescue paintings from the fire and salvage others from the vaults before they were ruined by seeping water.

Nobody was injured in the fire and the only paintings damaged were recent works.

The Academy's treasures, including Michelangelo's "Tondo," one of only four sculptures by the Renaissance master outside Italy, escaped unscathed. Other valuable paintings were threatened, however, when water used to douse the blaze began dripping into the vaults below.

Charlton Heston wins seat on NRA board

SEATTLE (AP) – Movie actor Charlton Heston easily won a National Rifle Association board election.

Heston, 72, worked the aisles like a veteran politician as voting began at a tumultuous membership meeting on the second day of the NRA's annual convention. Dozens sought his signature, questioned him about his movie roles, showed off their babies and posed for pictures beside him.

Heston received 1,038 out of 1,410 ballots cast – about 74 percent of the vote – to beat out 157 other candidates for a lone seat on the 76-member board. The other 75 board members were chosen earlier in voting by mail.

Saudi Arabia beheads two Filipinos

RIYADH (AP) – Two Filipinos convicted of robbing a store and beating an employee with an iron pipe were beheaded yesterday.

Artil Beltran and Robel Ji Jilda were convicted in the Saudi capital of hitting the store employee on the head with the pipe until he bled.

The executions raise to 24 the number of people beheaded this year in Saudi Arabia. Last year, 71 people were executed in public with a razor-sharp sword.

Saudi Arabia's Islamic courts can impose the death penalty for drug smuggling, rape, murder and crimes that endanger the public.

Mobutu agrees to step down

Kabila rejects president's conditions for leaving

News agencies



Zairean rebel leader Laurent Kabila (center, in dark shirt) arrives yesterday aboard a South African naval vessel in Pointe-Norte, Congo for talks with President Mobutu Sese Seko. (Reuter)

POINTE-NORTE, Congo – President Mobutu Sese Seko agreed to step down after three decades as Zairean leader yesterday. But rebel leader Laurent Kabila rejected a Mobutu proposal to transfer power to a third party and that may hold up the president's departure.

"Mobutu wants power transferred to another person, who in turn would negotiate with President Kabila, but for us that's unacceptable. Power must go directly to our president," rebel "foreign minister" Bizima Karaha said.

During a somber press conference with a grim Mobutu and a smiling Kabila, UN envoy Mohamed Sahnoun told reporters aboard a South African naval ship that Kabila had agreed to halt his troops' drive before the meeting.

"As a gesture of good will before the meeting, Kabila has ordered troops to stop advancing on all fronts," Sahnoun said.

Even as they spoke, rebel troops were said to be advancing closer to the Zairean capital Kinshasa.

South African President Nelson Mandela emphasized that Kabila had not agreed to a truce. It was not immediately clear if the cease-fire called before the meeting continued after it, or indeed if it had ever begun.

"The question of a cease-fire is not part of his vocabulary," he said. "What he is concerned with is that negotiations will lead to the end of hostilities." Mandela, who helped to mediate the talks aboard the SAS Outeniqua, said he would convene another meeting between the two rivals in six to 10 days.

Sahnoun said Mobutu proposed the ceasefire and the creation of a transitional government to prepare the African nation for its first multi-party elections.

Mobutu said he would hand over power to the president elected in that balloting and would not run for office himself, Sahnoun said.

But Kabila, according to the communique read by Sahnoun, demanded that the rebel alliance take power as the transitional authority and that Mobutu cede power to it.

The communique also said the purpose of the next meeting would be to narrow the gap between the two men.

Mobutu left the ship without speaking to reporters and was expected to fly back to the Zairean capital Kinshasa later in the day.

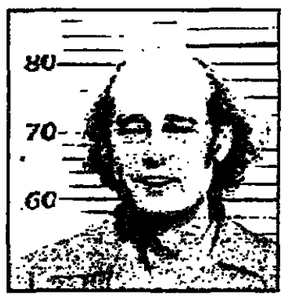
Mobutu has insisted he will never bow to Kabila's demand to resign, but his prostate cancer and international pressure may yet force him to do so.

Mediators believed that the peace talks – the first face-to-face showdown between the two rivals – could be the last chance to prevent the rebel alliance from forcibly taking Kinshasa.

Kabila's rebels were reported to be massing at the town of Kenge, 200 kilometers from Kinshasa yesterday.

One resident said large numbers of rebel troops had been leaving Masi-Manimba, 300 km from Kinshasa along the same road, to assemble at Kenge.

2 armed separatists at large in Texas



Separatist leader Richard McLaren in a mugshot taken after his surrender this weekend. (Reuter)

FORT DAVIS, Texas (AP) – Texas separatists laid down their arms and left their mountain hideaway, ending their weeklong standoff with authorities. But two heavily armed followers eluded authorities, fleeing into the woods late Saturday.

Richard McLaren, the self-styled ambassador of the Republic of Texas secessionist movement, signed a "cease-fire document" with the Texas Rangers Saturday. McLaren and three followers abandoned their "embassy," a trailer in the remote Davis mountains. They left behind 24 pipe bombs, eight to 10 gasoline cans with coils around them, a propane tank with a pipe bomb attached to it, along with 10 rifles and up to 700 rounds of ammunition, authorities said.

"They had a military-style ceremony at which they laid down their arms," Texas Department of Public Safety spokesman Mike Cox said.

The group members were taken into custody at a Texas Rangers' command center.

"I was captured, not surrendered, and I'm ashamed I didn't die," Greg Paulson said as he was taken to the Presidio County Jail in Marfa.

McLaren and three of his followers who left with him – Greg and Karen Paulsen and Richard "White Eagle" Otto – were charged with engaging in organized criminal activity, a first-degree felony punishable by up to life in prison and a $10,000 fine.

The Department of Public Safety was searching for Richard Frank Keyes III and Mike Matson. They disappeared into a heavily wooded canyon wearing green camouflage and were believed to be carrying two rifles and a 9 mm pistol.

Authorities were using two dozen dogs, airplanes and troopers on horseback to search for them.

Before the group surrendered, Ralph Matson said, "My brother feels that he would rather die fighting for somebody's rights than spend the rest of his life in jail."

Algeria car bombs kill 15

PARIS (Reuter) – Two car bombs killed 15 people and wounded 23 in hotels in a resort in northwest Algeria at the weekend, the Algerian newspaper *Le Matin* said yesterday.

The newspaper said the bombs exploded 10 minutes apart in Sidi Bouhanifia, about 325 kilometers from the capital, Algiers.

"The two blasts killed 15 people and wounded 23, including a child, badly hurt in the head and whose hand was blown off," the paper said.

It added that the blast was so powerful that, "according to a medical source, half those killed could not be identified." Sidi Bouhanifia is a thermal resort about 20 km from Mascara. One bomb hit the Sahara hotel destroying the building. A second, outside the Hotel El Farah, caused widespread damage, the newspaper said.

There was no claim of responsibility for the attack but the authorities have blamed Moslem rebels for hundreds of bombs and other attacks over the past five years.

The attack was carried out just hours before Algerian President Liamine Zeroual, addressing his first popular rally since his election in 1995, said his government has won over Moslem rebels.

"The terrorism in our country has lost the war thanks to the courage and sacrifices of our people and its security forces," said Zeroual.

"The state has the firm determination to restore the peace and the stability in the country," said Zeroual speaking at a gathering in the southern town of Ghardaia.

Zeroual said the parliamentary election to be held on June 5 would be another "political victory" on the path to establish a multi-party democracy in Algeria.

Algeria has been torn by violence since shortly after the authorities in January 1992 cancelled a general election in which radical Islamists had taken a commanding lead.

DNA tests for 'Bormann bones'

BONN (AP) – The offspring of Martin Bormann, Adolf Hitler's top aide, want genetic testing done on a skeleton found in 1972 so they can know for sure it is that of their father, the news magazine *Focus* said yesterday.

DNA testing on the skull and bones could finally lay to rest any doubts about the true fate of Bormann, the second most powerful man in the Third Reich.

Bormann vanished in Berlin as Soviet troops captured the German capital in the closing days of World War II. Bormann was sentenced to death in absentia at the Nuremberg war crimes trial.

Bormann's fate has long been a source of debate. He was believed killed by a Soviet artillery shell as Berlin fell but there were also rumors he was living abroad.

In 1972, construction workers in Berlin dug up a skeleton. Experts concluded the remains were Bormann's. The specialists determined that the man had probably died on May 2, 1945 – possibly killing himself by biting into a cyanide capsule.

That seemed to put the matter to rest. However, some remain unconvinced. A newspaper in Paraguay reported in 1993 that Bormann had lived in that country for three years, died in Asuncion in 1959 and was buried nearby.

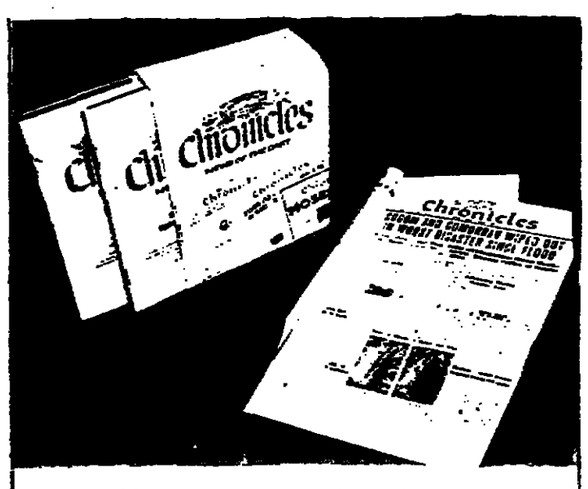
Bormann's seven children have refused to take possession of the skeleton so long as there is a suspicion it is not their father's remains that are in the custody of state authorities in Frankfurt.

Bormann's offspring have decided to ask that genetic testing be done on the remains. If the skeleton is that of Bormann, the family will arrange a funeral.

Bormann's 67-year-old son, also named Martin, told the magazine: "We cannot bury the remains of our father until every last doubt is removed."

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The Interior Ministry also bases its policy on a High Court ruling on the case of a naturalized US citizen, which determined that permanent residence is a matter of presence. "Therefore, when a person spreads the center of his life from Israel and establishes it elsewhere, in reality the center of his life is no longer in Israel," the ministry said.

WEIZMAN

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As in his previous meetings with regional leaders at times of crisis, the president is not expected to make concrete suggestions, but rather to create a more relaxed atmosphere between the two sides and to pave the way for Netanyahu-Arafat talks, sources said.

"The peace process has to move forward. There is no alternative. I hope the Weizman-Arafat meeting will contribute towards this," Levy said yesterday.

Last Orders adds:

National Religious Party faction chairman Hanan Porat yesterday criticized Weizman's decision to meet with Arafat. Porat accused Weizman of involving the president in politics and blurring the boundaries between the branches of government.

Following Porat's comments, MK Yossi Beilin, a candidate for the Labor Party leadership, responded: "Porat expresses regret at anything that could further peace. I call on the president to continue his efforts to promote peace and in this way save the region from a political stalemate which will bring about a violent deterioration in the situation."

New UK gov't pledges end to 'isolationism'

LONDON (Reuter) – Robin Cook, foreign secretary in Britain's new Labor government, promised a fresh start in foreign policy yesterday.

In an interview with the *Observer* newspaper, Cook said the government wanted to make Britain a leading player in Europe through "constructive engagement. We want to take Britain out of a position of isolationism, out of inward-looking chauvinism and into being a leading member of an international community," Cook said.

Ministers, rather than civil servants, will attend all future talks on European integration and Britain would sign the Social Chapter on workers' rights within six weeks.

Labor swept into power at Thursday's election with a majority of 179 in the 659-seat parliament.

Cyberdictator – Saddam on-line

AMMAN (Reuter) – President Saddam Hussein can now receive messages on the Internet via an official homepage set up to celebrate his 60th birthday, a computer firm said yesterday.

But anyone hoping for replies to their e-mail will have to patient. There are no Internet facilities in Iraq and Saddam's electronic mail-box is 800 kilometers away in Jordan. All messages have to travel by land in and out of Baghdad.

Iyad Awad, Amman representative of the Iraqi company Nahj Computer Services which set up the homepage, said he already received many messages. "It seems all the Arabic public were waiting for this, they are very enthusiastic," he said.

The page, at http://196.27.0.22/iraq, shows Iraq's flag with the Arabic inscription "God is great" and a grainy picture of Saddam.

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CLASSIC DISCS

Music from Theresienstadt

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

The Theresienstadt Music Anthology is one of the most important musical projects today. David Bloch, the producer and artistic director of the anthology, has begun to record all the music written in Theresienstadt by composers, most of whom perished in the gas chambers. Such a project serves as a livingmemory of an era in which creativity was never quenched despite the horrors surrounding it.

The Theresienstadt Music Anthology already consists of three volumes, all of which are available on the Koch International Classics label. Each disc is devoted to one composer, and more are to come in the future. Most of the material was recorded at the Jerusalem Music Center.

Volume I (3-7109-2H1) is devoted to piano and chamber music by Viktor Ullmann (1898-1944), written in the last two years of his life. Three of his piano sonatas (nos. 5-7) show that the composer knew how to write for the piano and explore the full possibilities of the instrument. But the most touching piece is the third string quartet. Brilliantly played by members of The Group for New Music, this is a powerful reading of an intense opus which should be performed more often in concert halls.

The Gideon Klein (1919-1945) disc (3-7230-2H1) features a variety of works written between 1942 and '44. Alan Sternfield plays the piano sonata with real dedication to the music, and members of the Prague Philharmonic Choir beautifully present the composer's settings of Czech and Russian folk songs. The most impressive opus here is the string trio, played with masterly musicianship and sincerity by Ora Shiran, Michael Kugel and Felix Nemirovsky. The music is proof that Klein was a fine chamber-music composer whose works have been unjustifiably neglected.

The third disc is devoted to the music of Hans Krasa (1899-1944), featuring a variety of chamber-music works as well as his children's opera, *Brundibar*, written in 1938 and recorded here in its 1943 Theresienstadt version. The performances and the technical aspects of the recordings here, as with the other discs, arefirst rate.

Each disc comes with a very detailed booklet which illuminates the life and works of the respective composer and the specific works which are recorded on the disc itself.

The major question which many ask when listening to these discs has to do with their importance not only as historical documents, but also as musical ones. Are these composers worthy of being recorded for their own sake? Is their music relevant to us today when we are detached from the time and place in which it was written?

Such questions are legitimate but not actually relevant. First of all, any documentation of life in Theresienstadt is commendable and important. But even more so, these discs suggest that all these composers were first-rate accomplished solid musicians who knew their craft. And there is no doubt that their premature death denied us a large musical output that would have flowed from their creative pens.

The Theresienstadt Music Memorial Project is being produced in cooperation with Yad Vashem and the Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority. It is a testimony to the victory of the human spirit over the atrocities of the Nazis, it is a memorial to the power of art to uplift the spirit in an age when all hope has withered. And most important of all, it enables us to remember those who are no longer with us, not through memorials but through their most profound music. May their memory always be with us. Their music definitely will be.

MOVIE REVIEW

Michael Jordan meets Bugs Bunny

By ADINA HOFFMAN

Much closer in its impulse and structure to an ad campaign than to a motion picture, *Space Jam* offers 83 quick minutes of colorfully dissociative celebrity sponsorship featuring basketball superstar Michael Jordan and the Loony Tunes characters Bugs Bunny, Elmer Fudd, Daffy Duck and others. As such, it belongs to a growing list of Hollywood releases that aren't really movies at all in the old-fashioned sense of the word.

This picture — er, product — relies on Jordan's status as pop-culture demigod for its story and its appeal. As in one of his Nike or Big Mac commercials, the Bulls' perennial MVP is on hand to play himself, or a fictional character called Michael Jordan. He is meant, one assumes, to sell the film by simply being there.

Although Jordan's not the first basketball star to try his hand at acting (Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Shaquille O'Neal and Dennis Rodman have all had a go) he is without question the only sports figure tremendous enough — both as an athletic talent and media presence — to get away with such an unabashed display of egotism. The filmmakers know that Jordan is bigger, meaner, and certainly more mythic than any character they could possibly dream up, so they treat the plain fact of his onscreen presence as the movie's primary special effect.

Then, by pairing him with the also-mythic cast of cartoon critters, they emphasize in broadly comic terms his larger-than-life attributes. (The other match-up *Space Jam* suggests is the famous Gene Kelly/Jerry the Mouse pas de deux in the old MGM musical, *Anchors Aweigh*.) For any other mortal to place himself in a league with Bugs Bunny would be, of course, sheer hubris.

SPACE JAM

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Directed by Joe Pytka. Written by Steve Rudnick & Leo Benvenuti and Timothy Harris & Herschel Weingrod. Hebrew title: *Space Jam*. 83 minutes. English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. General audiences

With Michael Jordan, Bugs Bunny, Wayne Knight, Charles Barkley, Patrick Ewing, Muggsey Bogues, Bill Murray and the voice of Danny DeVito



Two pop-culture icons star in a movie for six-year-olds.

The story revolves around the kidnap by an evil extraterrestrial amusement-park tycoon (a cartoon ogre with the voice of Danny DeVito) of the Loony Tunes characters. In a last-ditch bid to win their freedom, the Tunes challenge their captor's one-eyed, rotund flunkies to a basketball game, which becomes complicated when the martians steal the slamdunking, rebounding powers of a bunch of NBA stars (Patrick Ewing, Charles Barkley, Muggsey Bogues and others, who appear here as themselves). The Tunes then kidnap Jordan, who has retired from the Bulls and is floundering in his new-found role of minor-league baseball rookie, and demand that he join their team.

Although the basic idea is a promising one — that Bugs and Jordan are both somehow operating on the same otherworldly plane — *Space Jam* is just too choppy, slick and calculating to be much fun for more than a few minutes running. As directed by Joe Pytka, whose own past experience comes, not surprisingly, from overseeing the production of TV commercials, the film seems to have been conceived as a frenzied, back-to-back series of 30-second spots, many of them shameless product-placements for Gatorade, McDonald's, Nike and even Warner Brothers.

Some of these bits are amusing in a crude, physical way, but there's no trace of the verbal elasticity that made the original Loony Tunes such a multifaceted delight: at every level, the movie is aimed at six-year-old consumers, something that could never be said of the sophisticated silliness that made the old Bugs Bunny and Road Runner cartoons such a hoot.

Whatever happened to Debbie Harry?

By STEVE JAMES

She is, and forever will be, Blondie. Although she has moved on to acting and jazz singing, Deborah Harry cannot get away from her former persona as a "post-punk diva." As the singer with the 1970s rock band Blondie, she was an icon for a generation. And, like Beatles fans, Blondie fans do not forget hits like "Heart of Glass," "The Tide is High" or "One Way or Another."

"'When are you gonna do a Blondie record?' I hear that every night," Harry told Reuters recently. "People in the audience are always saying: 'Is it true that Blondie's getting back together?'"

So, what's the answer? "I'm going off to write some more songs with Chris Stein [whom she married]," she said with a wry smile. "And probably to do some recording with the original members of Blondie." What about a new album? "Maybe," she said, without exhibiting much enthusiasm for a return to the hectic life of a rock band on the road.

"This is Chris and myself with Blondie – we're propelled at the speed of light. I felt like I was strapped to the nose-cone of a rocket and just, like, whoosh, out like this. I mean that's what my life was like," she said.

"After seven years of that with no stop, no rest, no vacation, just 'give us more, give us more, give us more,' we just broke down," she said. "You start to doubt yourself, which is no good." Harry added that she no longer suffers from that problem



Debbie Harry: 'Stardom was always very attractive to me.'

because she has found acceptance in the jazz and acting communities.

Speaking during a US tour for her new album *Individually Twisted* with the Jazz Passengers – an eclectic group of avant-garde New York jazzmen – she enthused over the musicians she now works with.

"This record is actually a live record. It was recorded in a studio in four days, but the band stood up as a unit in a large room and I did the vocals simultaneously ... so it really was recorded in the old style," she said. "One big take. I'm very proud of that."

According to the *Rolling Stone History of Rock & Roll*, Harry's voice is "a nice blend of sexuality and sweetly awkward self-parody." It also said that although "her pretty soprano is seemingly unsuited for rock, she caught the bite of the music in her phrasing."

On this album, that subtlety is apparent in a series of songs heavy with irony and world-weariness, described by her publicist as "love songs for the disenfranchised."

"In the sense of the emotional impact, the way we deliver the songs, it's very, very jazz-like, very personal, very intimate. It will never do well in a stadium, it will never do well with an audience over 7,000 people," Harry said.

In addition to the Jazz Passenger project, Harry is carving out an acting career, having just played a role in the TV movie *L.A. Johns*. She also appeared in a Fox TV movie and a low-budget independent film, *Six Days to Sunday*.

The variety of experiences enhances her performances, she said. "It's like acting is one, jazz or what we're doing now, whatever you want to call it, is two, and rock is three."

Harry, who grew up in New Jersey listening to such varied singers as Dinah Shore, Rosemary Clooney, Doris Day, Nancy Wilson and Bessie Smith, always knew she would be famous.

"I always thought I wanted to be a movie star. Stardom was always very attractive to me. I don't know if I believe in total destiny but I always felt that I had the potential to do something but I didn't know exactly what it was."

Singing with the Jazz Passengers also brought Harry in contact with one of the best pop-song writers of the last quarter century – Elvis Costello. The two share a duet, the deliciously sardonic "Don'cha Go 'Way Mad," and Harry hopes to work again with "a very accomplished, talented man. (Reuter)



Dolfi (Aharon Almog, right) is a cafe-owner and Victor Odessa (Gedalia Besser) a regular customer in 'Paradise South.'

No paradise lost

By HELEN KAYE

There never was a paradise to begin with. Just a dilapidated old cafe euphemistically called Gan Eden – Hebrew for paradise – in the industrial area of a no-name Negev town.

It's the setting for *Gan Eden Darom* ("Paradise South"), a story about people "who start the night with a little dream and when morning comes, even that is gone," says author/director Hillel Mittelpunkt.

There's Dolfi (Aharon Almog), who owns the cafe, and who's desolate at the thought of losing his wife's twin sister to another man after 18 happy years with both of them. There's boyish Jackie (Assy Levy), a single-parent cabbie who needs one good break. There's her ex-lover Robby (Mati Seri) who wants the bigtime for free. There's her widowed mother Vivi (Adi Lev) who badly needs loving, and Victor Odessa (Gedalia Besser) who's scared to try. There's Asher (Udi Gil), her terminally mixed-up brother, who's crazy-in-love with Diya, Dolfi's waitress (Tami Akela), and there's Sharona (Dafna Rechter) who thinks her ticket to life is a disco crown.

It's not so much that his characters have missed the boat, Mittelpunkt agrees, it's that they don't even know it's there. This play, like his *Groundwater* (1979) and *Housemother* (1993), delves into the lives of "those around the edges of society.

"No, it's not political in the sense of the big political picture, but very political in that I'm dealing with people's everyday lives and their efforts to take another step through the mud without sinking. It's their voice I bring to the stage."

Opening tonight on the Beit Lessin main stage, *Gan Eden Darom* makes their hopes a mat for life to wipe its feet on.

Poitier to learn Japanese for new role

Hollywood film star Sidney Poitier said on Wednesday he has not yet learned Japanese but intends to for his new role as the Bahamas ambassador to Japan.

Poitier, at his first Nassau news conference since presenting his credentials to Japanese Emperor Akihito on April 16, said he plans to try to learn the language and will need all the help he can get.

"I don't have the best ear for languages, I must say, but my enthusiasm is such that I will certainly give it a try," he said.

Poitier, who won an Oscar for the 1963 film *Lilies of the Field*, said he would be responsible for promoting Bahamian tourism and agriculture in Japan and would try to increase the number of Japanese ships registered under the Bahamian flag.

Poitier was born in the US but his parents came from Cat Island in the Bahamas and he spent his early years there.

The Bahamas, a 700-island nation, has no embassy in Japan and Poitier will not live there. He said he would continue his acting career while performing his duties as ambassador.

Poitier, who has made 50 movies during his career, is still actively involved in filmmaking. He starred in a recently released film about South Africa's Nelson Mandela and just completed filming of *The Jackal* co-starring Bruce Willis. (Reuter)

NEWS

of the muse

Prizes galore



Yitzhak (Tzeppel) Yeshurun

To honor Israel's 50th anniversary, the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport and the Arts and Culture Authority have decided to establish the Minister's Music Performance Awards to be given annually to outstanding Israeli performers: the Frank Pelleg Life Achievement Award (NIS 25,000), the Daniel Benyamini Chamber Ensemble Award (NIS 15,000) and the Oedoen Partos Award (NIS 5,000) for the outstanding performance of an Israeli work. The first recipients will be announced in December. Israeli musicians living and working abroad will be eligible for these prizes only under exceptional circumstances.

The Education Minister's 1997 prizes for screenwriter/film directors, each worth about NIS 60,000 (a year's salary), go to Nazar Hassan, David Ofek, David Perlov, Yosef Pitchadze and Yitzhak (Tzeppel) Yeshurun.

And a jazz prize too – jazz pianist Dor Bar-Shalom, 24, a first-year student at the Rimon School of Jazz and Contemporary Music, came first in the school's jazz performance competition held at Beit Lessin in Tel Aviv. His prize is participation in the unique International Jazz Schools Workshop run by saxophonist Dave Leibman, which this year takes place in July in Siena, Italy.

And let's hear it for the movies, the Sam Spiegel Film and TV School of Jerusalem to be precise, where graduating student Ayelet Lerer's 19-minute short feature, *The Storyteller*, won both Best Film (NIS 5,000) and the same sum in post-production services from the Gravity Studios. Other prizes include the NIS 5,000 Mayor's Prize to Gabriel Wagon as Outstanding Student, and NIS 3,500 from the Arts and Culture Authority to Yoram Zak for his film *By Daylight*.

Helen Kaye

Bernstein Competition update

Out of the 159 works presented to the Leonard Bernstein Jerusalem Composing Competition, 39 were selected to enter the semifinal of the competition. Five of these 39 works were written by Israelis and the others represent composers from 16 different countries. Six of these works were written by women. The competition sponsoring institutions will now choose the 10 works which will reach the finals of the event, taking place in Jerusalem at the end of this year.

Michael Ajzenstadt

Gergiev returns to Red Sea



Yuri Bashmet

The success of the recent Red Sea Music Festival in Eilat brought organizers to announce details of next year's festival, taking place in Eilat January 22-24, 1998. Once again, renowned maestro Valery Gergiev will bring the forces of his Kirov orchestra and chorus to the resort, and present three evenings of exciting programs. On the opening night, Gergiev conducts a concert version of Verdi's *Aida*, followed the next evening by a concert devoted to the music of Igor Stravinsky. The final night will bring to the stage Mahler's Second Symphony ("Resurrection") and two works by former Georgian composers Yosef Brandashvilli, now residing here, and Gaya Kancheli. Aside from the Kirov soloists, the festival will also feature violist Yuri Bashmet and pianist Alexander Toradze. *Michael Ajzenstadt*

Archiv anniversary

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of Archiv Produktion, the early-music record label of Deutsche Grammophon, the company which was one of the innovators of early-music recordings presents a new series of discs entitled Codex. It features some of the earlier treasures from the Archiv catalog, including such performers as the Early Music Consort of London, the Gulbenkian Chamber Orchestra and Chorus, Pro Musica Antiqua as well as Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau. Such disc series are also the way the big disc companies are battling the current worldwide classical-music disc sales crisis.

Michael Ajzenstadt

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Heroism and politics

Israelis, like the citizens of most democracies, do not expect much from their politicians. Heroism and politics generally do not go together.

When Natan Sharansky, a hero and symbol of the epic struggle for freedom against the former Soviet Union, entered politics, people were divided as to whether he would raise the level of Israeli politics, or be brought down by politics to human proportions. Now, with the fate of the government on his shoulders, Sharansky's mettle is about to be tested.

When the Bar-On Affair first broke, Sharansky declared that if "10 percent" of the charges stuck, the government had no right to exist. With the release of the state attorney's report, all eyes looked to Sharansky as the man who, almost single-handedly, could bring down the government if his declared standards had not been met.

As the leader of Yisrael Ba'aliya, the larger of the two centrist parties in the coalition (the other is The Third Way), Sharansky effectively controlled whether 11 MKs would leave the coalition. Since he decided not to bring down the government, some are accusing Sharansky of betraying his own standards.

On closer examination, however, it is Sharansky's critics who are being somewhat disingenuous. There is little indication that the Bar-On Affair added many to the ranks who, long before, wanted Netanyahu to depart. Sharansky's critics, moreover, tend to be people who wanted Netanyahu out anyway, and expect Sharansky to effectively nullify the results of the last election, despite the lack of a clamor to do so by the Israeli electorate.

Ironically, those demanding that Sharansky bring down the government are demanding an arrogance of power common to the "cheap politicians" they claim to abhor. Only a politician power-drunk to the point of megalomania would place his judgment above the popular vote and popular opinion – let alone the determination of the attorney-general that there is insufficient evidence to indict the prime minister.

The thousands of people who signed petitions and joined a protest this weekend demanding a commission of inquiry into the Bar-On Affair are right that the nation should hold its leaders to a standard above simple lack of criminality. But here, too, the lack of widespread support for this effort seems to indicate that it is more an anti-Netanyahu than a pro-clean government campaign.

The difference between the two is shown by the sympathy that MK Aryeh Deri is enjoying, particularly in political circles. Labor MK and Deri buddy Haim Ramon pointed out that Deri had been involved in the appointment of judges under Labor. More significantly, Labor leaders Shimon Peres and Ehud Barak have both added their voices to those hinting that it was unfair to recommend only Deri's indictment, and that he might be a victim of anti-Sephardi discrimination.

If Labor were really so appalled at the alleged crimes committed in the Bar-On Affair, its leaders would not be falling over each other to ingratiate themselves with Deri, while demanding Netanyahu's resignation.

At the same time, it is Sharansky – and now National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon – who are at the forefront of using their newfound political leverage to change how the government works. First and foremost among their demands is that the government develop a strategic plan of where it is going in the peace process, rather than let itself be buffeted about by the pressures of the moment.

As Sharon wrote in this newspaper, "In order to continue the peace process, which all of us want, and in order not to be pushed back to the Green Line, the government must finally make a decision about what Israel's goals are: What is vital to its security and very existence; what are its borders; and what its political and economic ties with the Palestinians and with the Arab states are going to be." Sharansky is also demanding that numerous laws and recommendations of previous commissions concerning proper operations of government cease being honored mainly in the breach. There is no need to reinvent the wheel – basic rules and practices concerning the cabinet's decision-making process exist, and they probably would have prevented Bar-On from even being nominated if they had been followed.

Sharon is right to say that "changing an adviser here and there" is not enough, and Sharansky is right to demand that ministers be involved in decision-making in a real way, not just by creating new "forums." And even Netanyahu's critics are right to be skeptical that Sharansky, Sharon, and other internal critics will be successful at changing the way the government operates. But those who think that Sharansky has become just another politician may well be pleasantly surprised. This cold warrior has faced tougher fights than this in the past. It is too soon to count him out.

Tragic symbol

YEHUDA BAUER

It is an amazing fact that nearly every month, another book, film, play, or work of art that deals with the Holocaust comes out in Israel or elsewhere. The flood of reactions is growing, not declining, contrary to the predictions of many observers.

On the face of it, the increasing preoccupation with the Holocaust is not very logical. Fifty years have passed, and there have been other crises; and in the nature of things, whatever is newer should push into the background more remote events. How come, then, that there is no comparable preoccupation, even with the War of Independence for example?

The Holocaust represents the danger of human self-destruction

And, if you want to talk about genocide, why the Holocaust? Why not Rwanda, the Armenian genocide, Cambodia, the Amazon Indians, or Bosnia?

It seems that the Holocaust has become a central code in Western civilization, a code that signifies evil in human society, that stands for the negation of the value of human life. It is apparently related to the desperate desire of many to fight against the increasingly threatening crises: mass murders, ethnic conflicts, the nuclear threat, potential or actual genocides, ecological disasters, and so on.

Antisemitism, the central (though not the sole) factor behind the Holocaust has, in the course of a long history, created a stereotype of the Jews that became another cultural code in Christian-Moslem civilizations. The two codes, it seems, are connected.

What are the reasons for the Holocaust becoming a cultural code?

The Holocaust had a number of unique aspects. For the first time in known history the perpetrators saw the total physical annihilation of a group of people as defined by them, not in their own country but the world over, as a quasi-religious mission of cleansing humanity of a cancer. This quasi-religion utilized what it believed to be the most recent achievements of science, mainly in the areas of eugenics, genetics, biology and medicine.

The deadly combination of racist ideology, science, technology, bureaucracy and expertise, all learned at the best universities and preached in many churches, in an atmosphere of economic, social and structural political crises, motivated the German Nazis to try and re-organize the population of Europe. That meant moving populations according to racist principles, and murdering what were to them redundant groups.

Racist antisemitic motivation for the murder of the Jews was not based on territorial, military, political or economic foundations (contrary to legend, the Jews did not control any national economy, and they had no other power), but on pure myth. All the other genocides were neither total, nor global, nor based on mythology.

ANOTHER main reason for the Holocaust becoming a cultural code lies in the character of the Holocaust's victims, the Jews.

The Jews were and are a centrally important factor in Christian-Moslem civilizations, despite the fact that religion is no longer observed and practiced among very many Gentiles in so-called Christian countries. The Jews were the people who had created one of the two pillars on which Christian-Moslem civilization rests; the other pillar, Athens and Rome, has disappeared. The Jews are still here. A rebellion against the foundations of Western civilization, such as the Nazis represented, almost had to turn against the Jews.

The Jews gave the Christians their God, and after 1,900 years, baptized Gentiles tried to annihilate them. The crisis of Christianity can be described, in a sense, as the crisis of a suicide attempt: 1,900 years after the acceptance by the Gentile world of a Jewish God, part of that world turned against these teachings.

By allowing the killing of the Jews, European society was devouring its own traditions and ethical values. The feeling of unease in so-called Christianity is perhaps due to the fact that the Jews were crucified yet again, and that much of the Gentile world around them either participated in the murder or stood idly by.

In Nazi Germany, for the first time in history, antisemitism became a central concept in a global ideology which was directed against the main traditions of what we call Western civilizations. It became a crucial, determinant element in world politics, much beyond even the very important place it had occupied in Christian traditions.

There has been a largely unconscious refusal to deal with the results of the human capacity to commit murder on a massive scale – it has been estimated that about 160 million civilians have been killed by governments in our century. When we teach history, we still deal largely either with what elites or the general populations did, living their ordinary lives. Social, economic and political history certainly is important in itself, but it is considerably less significant than the murder of 160 million humans.

We can no longer sweep this horror under the carpet. And as an extreme and culturally central event in our history, the Holocaust directs our gaze at the global issue. For Jewish society it has become a massive trauma, and for the world a symbol of the overall danger of human self-destruction.

The writer is director of The International Center for Holocaust Studies at Yad Vashem.

Dry Bones



The Beilin pipe dream

AARON LERNER

"I think we are witnessing the last gasps of violence by those Palestinians who want to block this accord," Labor MK Yossi Beilin told *Jerusalem Post* reporter David Makovsky on November 30, 1993.

Beilin has never been big on Palestinian violations of the Oslo Accords. When he was deputy foreign minister, he even asked AIPAC to stop compiling reports on PLO compliance. And today he is doing his best to minimize their significance.

Beilin and his fellow travelers have a problem with Binyamin Netanyahu. It appears he may actually insist on some measure of Palestinian compliance before continuing down the Oslo path. In fact, the Ministerial Committee for National Security set some clear requirements, including the confiscation of illegal weapons and action on extraditing suspected terrorists, something few observers believe the Palestinians will ever do.

Days before the signing of the Declaration of Principles, Amos Oz wrote in *The Jerusalem Post*: "Once peace comes, Israeli doves, more than other Israelis, must assume a clear-cut 'hawkish' attitude concerning the duty of the future Palestinian regime to live by the letter and spirit of its obligations."

Since then Oz, Beilin, and the rest of the Left have done just the opposite. If Oslo was truly just an "experiment," as Beilin and others originally presented it, then it wouldn't be such a disaster if it failed. But as Beilin now readily admits, Oslo was not a test but an attempt by the Labor-Meretz coalition to create permanent Palestinian facts on the ground before the 1996 elections.

The Labor MK and his ilk are distorting reality

The Left was determined to make the establishment of a Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza unstoppable, regardless of the decision made by the Israeli electorate in its first chance to vote on the issue since Oslo became more than a city in Norway.

Why the rush to oblivion? In Friday's *Jerusalem Post*, Beilin made the simplistic argument that as long as Israel continues to make concessions ("progress in peace negotiations") there won't be a war. He conveniently avoids the logical extension of that argument: that war will break out when Israel has nothing left to concede. Indeed the concessions made before that day of reckoning will make the "war option" that much more attractive to Palestinian militias, extradite terrorists to Israel for trial, and refrain from incitement. In other words Israel is acting legally and the PLO isn't. It's Palestinian intransigence that keeps their ports closed, not Israeli stonewalling.

So instead of talking about violations of the agreements, Beilin talks about violations of some amorphous "spirit of Oslo," giving equal footing in his "five-point plan" to legal Jewish construction and illegal Palestinian arms smuggling. And instead of calling for an end to Palestinian terror, Beilin opts for a mutual call against terror and violence, knowing full well that this means bolstering the Palestinian equation between suicide bombers and bulldozers on Har Homa. His plan calls for an immediate further redeployment in return for Palestinian "commitments." That's not land for peace; that's land for words.

It's bad enough that Beilin and his ilk are doing everything they can to deny Israel its moral advantage in the court of world opinion. But this isn't the only reality which they have distorted.

The "Beilin-Mahmoud Abbas plan" may also not be what Beilin has been telling the public. According to Dr. Khalil Shikakiof the Center for Palestine Research and Studies in Nablus, there are "two readings of the same document... There is no such thing as an accurate reflection of the document. It's a question of how people see it. Both sides tell the people what they want to see in it."

What drives Beilin to ignore the obvious? I'll leave that to the psychologists. After all, here is a man who, instead of dealing with the world as it is, insists on "convincing himself that everything will be OK... I simply am not prepared to live in a world where things can't be solved," (*Ha'aretz*, March 7, 1997).

We all share Beilin's hope that our problems can be solved. But that doesn't mean ignoring reality to get there.

The writer is director of IMRA (Independent Media Review & Analysis).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM

Sir, – Commenting on Miryam Glaser's sadly ironic article "Free at last," J.D. Hool (Letters, April 27) claims to be "sick and tired of Reform spokesmen declaring that they are not Jewish in the eyes of the Orthodox." Professor Glaser was responding to the recent "halachic" ruling by a prominent body of Orthodox rabbis that the Conservative and Reform movements are not Judaism.

Ms. Glaser was raised in a traditional Conservative Jewish atmosphere, in turn raised her daughter to a high degree of Jewish consciousness, teaches at the University of Judaism in Los Angeles, and is a committed Zionist. That she is still regarded as Jewish by virtue of her birth, though heretical, is small consolation.

Let me point out to Mr. Hool that members of our Conservative congregation, here in Israel, were told by a representative of the Ministry of Religious Affairs, "Better you should become Moslems than be Conservatives!" Such is the hatred of fellow-Jews that these fanatics express.

And if Mr. Hool is concerned with fine distinctions, Conservative conversion is strictly halachic. But of course, in their eagerness to delegitimize all threats to their monopoly, the Orthodox authorities ignore this crucial distinction.

AMIEL SCHOTZ

Beersheba.

SQUEAKY-CLEAN MORALS

Sir, – Does Stewart Weiss ("The great conversion controversy," April 11) not realize that it is the Orthodox movement's intractability that is one of the major causes behind assimilation, secularization and the Reform and Conservative movements? Does he not realize that these streams look to Orthodoxy for squeaky-clean morals and business dealings, for guidance and for enlightenment, but that we find the opposite?

When all of Orthodoxy's dealings can be said to be for the greater glory of God, then and only then is the tide likely to turn.

M. REUVENI

Moshav Avigdor.

UN RESOLUTION 242

Sir, – Reader Doug Wagner's letter of April 17, "Middle East peace accords," is a perfect example of PLO propaganda and misrepresentation. Anyone familiar with UN Resolution 242 knows about the fight at the time of its passing concerning the inclusion, or deletion, of the word "the" before "territories." Eugene Rostow, at that time US under-secretary of state and one of the drafters of 242, has repeatedly stated that "the" was left out deliberately, no matter how hard the Arabs fought for its inclusion. The reason was that Israel was not meant to withdraw from *all* territories, as its inclusion would have implied.

As to "sovereignty, territorial and political independence of every state in the area," to the best of my knowledge there was no Palestinian state to be acknowledged in 1967, only territories occupied as the result of Jordanian aggression in 1948. When Mr. Wagner demands the "return of Arab lands," he does not mention to whom, in his opinion, they should be returned. To Jordan? King Hussein long ago renounced any claim to them. To the British Mandatory administration? Or to Turkey? These were the last rulers during the past centuries in this area. The word "return" implies a previous possessor. Surely Arafat does not qualify in this respect.

A. KARNON

Tel Aviv.

SHAME!

Sir, – If your photo of April 27, "Rehov Bar-Ilan strife continues," is a genuine action shot, we should be ashamed to copy the stance of our enemies who are known and portrayed to encourage their youngsters to throw stones and rocks and set tires ablaze without regard to law and order. To allow children, obviously even before bar mitzva, to disregard others' property and rights is beyond the teaching and spirit of the Torah, which we all profess to adhere to. If we allow this, then we can only blame ourselves if we cannot live in peace with our neighbors, Jewish or others.

LEO WEIL

Jerusalem.

PERNICIOUS MIND-SET

Sir, – That Dan Leon ("Pretending to honor Oslo," April 21), draws a moral equivalency between the premeditated murder of citizens and the construction of houses in disputed areas is reprehensible and reflective of the distorted and degenerative mind-set of supporters of the "peace process." To buttress his reprehensible claim, Leon quotes writer Yizhar Smilansky as writing that we are asking PA Chairman Yasser Arafat to "quickly put an end to terror on his side while on our side we don't cease our terror on Har Homa." Notwithstanding the absurdity in drawing such an equivalency, Leon, Smilansky and all like-minded supporters of the peace process need to be reminded that Israel does not need to ask Arafat to control terror. Arafat committed himself to doing just that under Oslo.

Leon is wrong when he claims that Israel cannot shape Arafat's policy or his decisions. That is precisely what the former government did when it ignored Arafat's repeated violations of his commitments. By failing to ensure that Arafat fulfilled his commitments under Oslo and by facilitating the process after every major terrorist attack, the former government created a situation in which Arafat was able to support Hamas terrorism with impunity. The present impasse in Oslo was created by malfeasance on the part of both Arafat and the previous Israeli government and will be resolved only when both Arafat and Palestinian apologists like Leon recognize that the Palestinians also have obligations under Oslo.

SHAWN PINE

Beit Yitzhak.

SCOTTISH

Sir, – In "News of the Muse" of April 21, you mention English percussionist Evelyn Glennie's Israel debut. Shades of *Braveheart* and all our Scottish heroes! Ms. Glennie is Scottish born and bred, as I am. She would hate to be called English! You spoiled my Pessah Israel holiday.

EVELYN COHEN

Ra'anana (Glasgow).

Waffle replaces socialism

SUSAN HATTIS ROLEF

The crushing Labor Party victory in Britain last Thursday came as no surprise. I spent the week previous to the elections in London, and the only clear message which seemed to be getting through was that the British public wanted a change, which Labour leader Tony Blair was offering. How the change would affect the daily lives of the average Brit was left unclear.

The elections seemed to have no clear issues – not even the European issue, where Eurosceptics and Eurosupporters are to be found in both the Conservative and Labor parties, or on the economy, which is doing well. It was basically about whether the Blair vacuum cleaner and its accompanying accessories would be more effective than the Major vacuum cleaner and its accessories – the Blair model being 10 years younger and shinier than the Major one. The Liberal Democrat Paddy Ashdown was the only party leader who seemed to be saying anything substantial – basically that if you want to improve the education system you will have to pay higher taxes to cover the cost.

For those used to the visibility and sounds (or rather shouts) of an Israeli election campaign, the almost total absence in Britain last week of any external manifestations of an election – such as banners and posters – was striking. I realize that not all democratic elections get as heated as those in Israel, but even prior to Malta's elections last fall, the island was awash with banners posters, mass meetings and a general atmosphere of festival. (In Malta too the Labor Party, led by a young leader of the new school, won.)

Britain's "New Labor" and our own Labor Party need to redefine social democracy

Britain's Labor Party now has close to two-thirds of the seats in the House of Commons, and the Liberal Democrats also made some nice gains after turning into Britain's second largest party (after Labor) in local government. But what does all this mean regarding Britain's future?

If Blair will, in fact, prove to be a reformer and initiator of change, what sort of change will there be? Did "New Labor" just put on camouflage colors, like certain kinds of butterflies – as implied in a London *Times* cartoon last week – for the duration of the very long election campaign, only to shed these colors and show its traditional bright red color? Does Blair have a plan, or will he prove to be another Netanyahu improvising as he goes along, but probably with less fumbles along the way?

THERE is the possibility that "New Labor," with its bright, new leaders, will really come up with a version of social democracy which is relevant to the turn of the century.

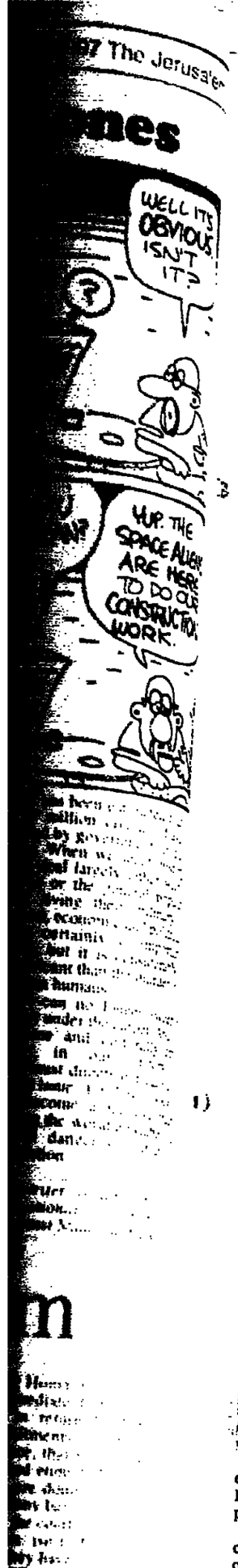
For the past decade social democrats throughout the democratic world have been trying to come up with a new ideology or clear doctrine, but have failed to do so. In economic and social terms, social democracy today means capitalism with a social conscience. In national terms, it means a less chauvinistic and self-centered approach to relations with other peoples, countries and states. In religious terms, it implies the separation of religion and state.

In education terms, it still seeks to do away with elitism (rather than quality) and to offer an equal opportunity to all. (To British Labor's credit it should be noted that Labor MP Harriet Harman lost her supremacy among her party's women MPs last year, after it was revealed that she had registered one of her children at an exclusive grammar school.)

These positions aren't being spelled out as such, neither by Britain's "New Labor" during the British election campaign, nor, presumably, by the sixth conference of the Israel Labor Party to be held in less than two weeks' time. The British Labor Party preferred to waffle its way back to power, while the Israel Labor Party – hoping to achieve the same result in the year 2000 (or earlier) – will once again turn its conference (to quote MK Shlomo Ben-Ami) into a meeting of the Academy for Language or in other words, into an exercise for finding words that can be interpreted any way one likes, without causing controversy.

Times and the political context have changed in the Western democracies. The result is rather wishy-washy.

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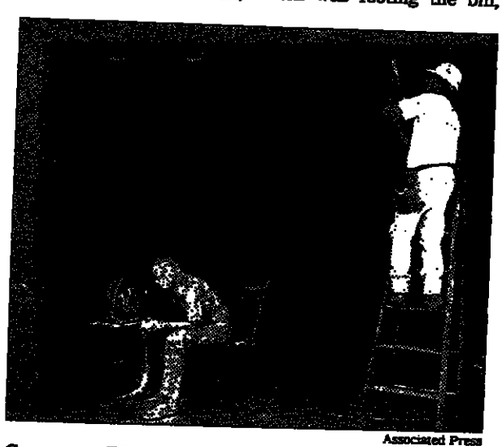
Limitations of Statues

Monuments Are a Risky Business

By MICHAEL WINES

WASHINGTON

THE Great Cigar Controversy, as they called it, unfolded 32 years ago as William Mozart McVey was working on a nine-foot statue of Sir Winston Churchill to be placed outside the British embassy here. Someone pointed out that Mr. McVey was sculpturing a big stogie in Sir Winston's left hand. There was an ugly fight in the press and in diplomatic circles over this vulgar accessory. Chop it off, critics demanded. Stuff it, Mr. McVey responded; he looked at 300 photographs of the guy before he designed this thing, and only 22 of them showed him sans cheroot. The English Speaking Union, which was footing the bill,



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Greatness: Fireside chat at the Roosevelt Memorial.

polled its chapters. The cigar won, 7 to 5. Today the statue is one of the most recognized sculptures on earth.

This is interesting because the Great Wheelchair Controversy, as it will be called, unfolded quite differently alongside the Potomac River just last week. The Government had spent 42 years designing a 7½-acre memorial to Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and just as it prepared to open the finished monument, restrooms, gift shop and bookstore to tourists, the disability movement complained that there was no statue of F.D.R. in a wheelchair, and threatened to protest unless it got one.

Roosevelt spent his Presidency in a wheelchair, of course, crippled by polio, though he never advertised it. Leaving out a wheelchair is a slur to handicapped people, the movement said.

Well, actually, one statue depicts Roosevelt in a chair with wheels, little bitty casters, like the ones on office furniture. But you'd probably never see them unless you knew where to look.

No matter. Nobody told advocates for the disabled to stuff it. President Clinton, who has allowed as how his bum knee helped him feel the pain of the disabled, asked Congress for a pro-wheelchair resolution. The Senate obliged; the House is expected to follow. The disability folks canceled their protest and claimed victory.

Anyway, put aside the substance of the wheelchair debate. There's a bigger question: what will political correctness do to the monument business?

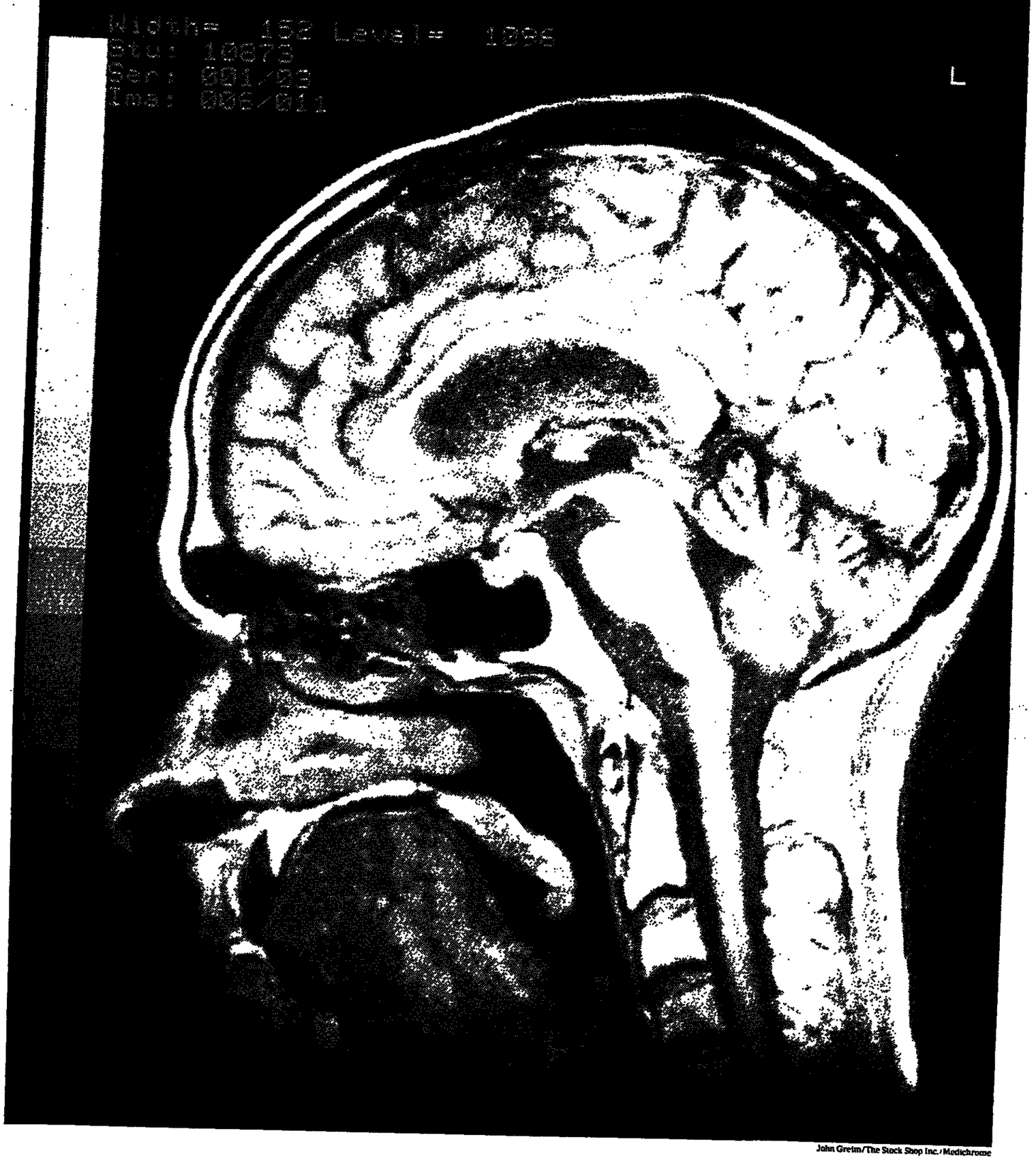
This is no easy question. In simpler times, the stock answer to the query "What will my monument look like?" was also simple. Monuments were either Egyptian (Washington Monument), Classical (Lincoln Memorial; Jefferson Memorial) or Equestrian (generic man on horse). None offered much opportunity to offend special-interest groups: there is no Anti-Obelisk League, for example, and the horse-rights movement has never got to the statue issue.

But Classical and Egyptian are passé, and the horse has gone the way of the horse. Since the 1970's, revolutions in design and in public sophistication have made it

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Gray Matter

Breaks for Mental Illness: Just What the Government Ordered



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By SHERYL GAY STOLBERG

IMAGINE, for a moment, that you are Joe Widgetmaker, chief executive of a small family-owned company. You hire a blind person, you install Braille buttons in the elevator. You hire a paraplegic, you build a ramp and lower the water fountain. You do this because you are a nice guy. Not to mention that Federal law requires it.

But what if your foreman is depressed and sleepless and can't show up on time to get the assembly line rolling? What if your clerk has obsessive-compulsive disorder and persists in addressing the same envelope 100 times?

Should every employer, in the words of Dr. Allan Lans, a New York City psychiatrist, be required to offer "a little wheelchair access for the mentally ill"?

That is precisely what the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ordered last week, with a clarification of the American Disabilities Act of 1990. Business owners, the commission declared, may not discriminate against otherwise qualified workers with mental illness. They may not ask job applicants if they have ever been mentally ill and they must take "reasonable steps" to accommodate employees with psychiatric or emotional problems.

That could mean anything from a flexible schedule for an anxious person, to a desk near a window for a person who grows depressed with too little light, to a quiet work space for a schizophrenic.

Underlying this new set of rules is the assumption that physical illness and mental illness should be treated as one and the same. But can they? Are depression and schizophrenia akin to diabetes and deafness? Does a troubled mind heal the way a broken leg does?

In the world of psychiatry, this concept is known as parity. And parity is what advocates for the mentally ill have been trying to achieve for years.

Senators Pete Domenici, Republican of New Mexico, and Paul Wellstone, Democrat of Minnesota, both of whom have had mental illness in their families, put the issue prominently on the public agenda last year when they introduced a law requiring that insurers set the lifetime and annual reimbursement caps as high for mental illness as for physical illness. Congress adopted the law; it goes into effect next Jan. 1.

But the guidance from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission takes parity into some new territory, and there is little agreement even among mental health experts about what parity truly means.

Experts say certain mental illnesses are no harder to diagnose or treat than physical ailments. And the mental illnesses that defy easy diagnosis, like minor depression and adjustment disorders, are no trickier than, say, lower back pain — the most frequently cited reason for claims filed under the Americans With Disabilities Act.

> Underlying the new rules is the assumption that physical illness and mental illness should be treated as one and the same. That's arguable.

But just how flexible must employers be? The National Institute of Mental Health estimates that, in the course of a year, 1 in 10 Americans experiences some disability from a diagnosable mental illness. Are they all entitled to allowances? Are sex addicts and sadists supposed to have their illnesses accommodated at work? These are deceptively hard questions at a time when every minor tic seems to have a diagnostic label.

To borrow a phrase from Dr. Peter D. Kramer, a psychiatry professor at Brown University and author of "Listening to Prozac," this is an era of "diagnostic bracket creep."

Remember when attention deficit disorder was nothing more than short attention span? Or when voyeurs — who are now included in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders — were simply Peeping Toms? Now nicotine dependence is classified as a psychiatric disorder along with alcoholism and other serious drug addictions.

Does that mean that smokers need regularly scheduled breaks? Can they sue if their bosses don't permit them?

That is probably not what Congress intended when it passed the Americans With Disabilities Act. But there is so much skepticism about the new interpretation of the act that some mental health advocates fear a backlash against the mentally ill.

Among them is Dr. Kay Redfield Jamison, a psychiatry professor at Johns Hopkins University who chronicles her own battle with manic-depressive disorder in her book "An Unquiet Mind."

"Psychiatry," she said, "has brought this on itself in some respects by making everything a diagnosis and by being sort of absurd, not really making clear-cut distinctions between very serious illnesses and things that are part of the human condition."

Dr. Jamison said that mental health experts have debated about whether health insurance coverage should be limited to five major mental illnesses — severe depression, schizophrenia, manic depression, obsessive-compulsive disorder and generalized anxiety disorder. All are extremely debilitating, and all can be diagnosed and treated.

"What's unfortunate," she said, "is that there is a huge science that underlies most of the major mental illnesses in terms of diagnosis and treatment, but it gets canceled out by all this kind of squishy stuff."

Employers Are Terrified

Employers, particularly small-business owners, are terrified. A physical disability is easy to spot. But illnesses of the mind are much harder to see.

"The potential for abuse is greater for a small-business owner," said Mary Reed, spokeswoman for the National Federation of Independent Business Owners, which has 600,000 members. "It's more obvious and can be proven more readily if someone is deaf or in a wheelchair. But if someone has chronic lateness or a pattern of hostility, it is more difficult for the small-

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The World

Why Blair's Victory May Not Travel Well in Europe

By CRAIG R. WHITNEY

PARIS

AFTER Tony Blair's election victory for the Labor Party in Britain last week, the rest of the leftists in Europe found new reason for hope. Elections will take place in France at the end of this month, in Germany next year and soon after in other places across the continent where Socialists and Social Democrats have found themselves frozen out of power in recent years.

"We can do it, too," was the refrain, followed quickly by, "Of course, we would never think of doing what Labor did in Britain." Labor's sin, as some of its continental cousins see it, was adopting the pro-business, anti-government, tax-cutting philosophies that conservatives everywhere insist are the only way to compete in the global economy.

"The real winner of the British elections is Thatcherism," headlined the weekly

European leftists take heart from Labor's victory in Britain . . .

L'Express in anticipation of a Labor landslide, referring to the distasteful (to continental leftists) ideology that former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and her successor, John Major, used to transform the British political landscape and economy.

Thatcherism may have made the rich richer and the poor poorer, as its critics charge, but in income disparity Britain is little different from France or Germany; all have been subject to the same inexorable global economic forces. Britain, however, has distinguished itself from other countries in Europe in its change of thinking across the political spectrum about the welfare state.

No one doubts that Mrs. Thatcher and her party changed Britain in their 18 years in power, and that Tony Blair's New Labor now accepts most of those changes.

And no one doubts that economic change of some kind is badly needed on the continent. Unemployment in Britain is only 6.1 percent, but it is 12.8 percent in France, 12.1 percent in Italy, 11.7 percent in Germany and almost 22 percent in Spain.

But achieving consensus in European countries on what to do about it is all but impossible, in part because the party political spectrum is much more fragmented



Agence France-Presse

France's race is different from Britain's: Prime Minister Alain Juppé, firing a pistol to start a marathon, faces an unreconstructed left.

than in Britain, and because in most countries on the continent, proportional representation imposes a need for coalition government and broad agreement.

No Consensus

Mrs. Thatcher absolutely despised consensus, and because of the British electoral system she won healthy majorities in Parliament even though her Conservatives never won a majority of the popular vote. Thus she was able to break the stranglehold that British labor unions had over the economy when she arrived in power, and she legislated flexibility in British hiring and firing practices. She was also able to cut British income taxes to a top rate of 40 percent — about what Americans in the upper tax brackets pay on some of their income, but far less than what the richest pay in France (54 percent) or in Germany (53 percent).

Two decades later, Mr. Blair has accepted most of these Thatcherite prescriptions as essential for Britain to compete effectively in the new global economy.

Here in France, though, there is no such consensus. President Jacques Chirac keeps saying that businesses would hire more people to work for them if they didn't have to pay high payroll taxes that usually add 50 percent to the cost of every salary.

But according to public opinion polls, most people in France — and not just the Socialist opposition — oppose cutting these taxes if it means reductions in the generous unemployment, pension and health care benefits that everybody in France has thought of as a right, not a privilege, for 50 years. So far, nothing much has happened — and that is one reason Mr. Chirac called for new elections.

Paralysis

Paralysis is also the rule in Germany. "What is wrong with our country?" Roman Herzog, Germany's President, asked in a speech last weekend contrasting Germany with the United States and other countries that seem to have made the transition to the new global economy more easily.

"In brutal terms, the loss of economic dynamism, the paralysis of society," he answered. "Instead of producing decisions," debates turn into rituals," he went on. "At the end, the problem is usually put off. The status quo prevails. Everybody waits for the next subject."

Change is not totally impossible; in both Sweden and Germany, widespread sick-leave abuses have led to changes in the rules so that now you have to be sick for more than a day or two before you can start collecting sick pay. The number of illnesses suddenly fell dramatically in both countries. But it took 20 years of wrangling between store owners, retail clerks' unions and political parties right and left before Germany could agree last year on such a simple thing as a

. . . but they refuse to follow its tax-cutting, anti-government path.

change in the country's tightly controlled store opening hours, and then it was only minimal.

To reduce unemployment, French Socialists and German Social Democrats prefer to keep regulating working hours, shortening them without cutting salaries. Critics say all that will do is spread work among people who already have it, without creating desperately needed new jobs for young people.

In both Germany and France, opposition parties say they will not go even halfway down the British road. They will not shift the burden of economic adjustment from the rich to those least able to pay — salaried employees and workers. In Britain, such workers have little job security, but in the post-cold war global economy, they have an easier time finding jobs than their unemployed colleagues on the continent. Companies that find it too expensive to produce automobiles or refrigerators or anything else in France can build factories in Britain, Ireland, Poland or Hungary, or even farther afield.

In the interest of social peace, continental societies have long chosen to subsidize unemployment at public expense rather than send workers off on their bikes looking for jobs, like the British do. But meeting the tough anti-inflationary criteria set for the new common European currency planned for 1999 — the Euro — means that France, Italy, Spain and Germany can no longer easily rely on public borrowing to finance their welfare states.

The Euro may usher in a new era of prosperity, but those who would enjoy it have to endure a little pain first. Britain has already endured the pain. With its low unemployment rate and its budget deficit under control, Britain could easily meet the criteria for the Euro, if Mr. Blair chooses to join. Leaders in France and Germany, which aren't so sure of qualifying, may soon have even more reason to envy him.

Caribbean Blues

Drugs! Aliens! Washington, Wake Up

By LARRY ROHTER

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados

IN the fifth year of his presidency, Bill Clinton is finally venturing into the United States' backyard, traveling to Mexico, Costa Rica and Barbados this week to meet with the heads of Caribbean nations. But as he opens what the White House grandly calls a "new dialogue," the discussion is likely to be defined, as always, by a decades-old dependency on one side and cold strategic considerations on the other.

In a region where the United States' main concern has forever been its own security, what is new is that with the end of the cold war, the threat of the drug trade and increased illegal immigration has re-

In the 80's, the United States showed it cared by sending weapons and advisors.

placed Communism as the Caribbean nations' basis for claiming American attention.

While the Clinton Administration's main objective is to rally support for its war against drug cartels, the small, vulnerable nations of Central America and the Caribbean are telling the United States that its lack of interest in the region has made the drug trade attractive for residents.

"The problem is that the United States has virtually ended its aid to us," said the Prime Minister of St. Lucia, Vaughan A. Lewis. "Not 'virtually,' " he added. "It has ended its aid to us for all practical purposes."

During the 80's, the Reagan Administration was a muscular presence, dispensing money, guns and advice with stunning prodigality, rewarding friends and punishing enemies. The resulting dislocations, including civil war, left the region



Reuters

Drugs have replaced Communism as the Caribbean Basin's threat to American security. Mexican soldiers prepare to burn blocks of seized cocaine.

more dependent than ever on the United States, which nevertheless in this decade has seemed less and less interested in developments to its south, and increasingly willing to let others — the European Community in the Caribbean, the Scandinavian countries in Central America — pick up the slack. During his first term, Mr. Clinton's most visible gesture there was an 11 hour visit to Haiti.

A Self-Defeating Policy

"The U.S. interventionist policy in Central America in the 80's is fast turning into indifference," Sweden's Deputy Foreign Minister, Pierre Schori, warned last December in a speech that marked the 50th anniversary of the Marshall Plan.

"This not only lets the peoples of the region down, but it is also a self-defeating policy," Mr. Schori said.

"Migration, and particularly the illegal immigration to the United States, grows," he said. "So does the drug problem. This is a visible result of the instability and lack of development."

But where Washington responded with displays of might in the 80's, whether in Nicaragua or Grenada, the Caribbean Basin is now of strategic value only to drug traffickers with bankrolls that exceed the budgets of many countries in the region. The result, Ivelaw L. Griffith, an expert on Caribbean security issues, wrote in a recent essay published by the National Defense University in Washington, is that "security today means an economic and political response, with the military playing only a supporting role."

Wanted: Trade, Not Aid

But even as the drug threat has grown, in the form of marijuana farming and the shipment of cocaine, Washington's willingness to take the steps needed to counter it has faltered. Aid to El Salvador has declined to less than $50 million a year, from more than $1 billion at the height of its civil war. In the Caribbean, American economic aid has fallen 90 percent, to $26 million in 1995 from $226 million a decade earlier.

Whether they speak English, Spanish, French or Dutch, the region's leaders recite a familiar mantra: what they really want is "trade, not aid." But on that front, Washington has been just as parsimonious.

After the United States joined Canada and Mexico in the North American Free Trade Agreement in 1994, Mr. Clinton promised the small economies of the Caribbean Basin similar access. But Congress has refused to go along, while doing away with low-interest loans for development projects in the region and forcing the closing of the regional office of the Agency for International Development in Barbados.

At the same time that Washington is pressuring the countries to step up drug interdiction efforts and to allow United States ships and planes to use their waters and airspace, it is essentially leaving their small, vulnerable economies to fend for themselves.

Here in the Eastern Caribbean, Grenada provides perhaps the most dramatic example of the United States' reduced interest. To much domestic acclaim, President Reagan sent more than 2,000 troops in October 1983 to overthrow a pro-Cuban Government; he promised a "special relationship" that would transform an island of 100,000 people into a prosperous democratic state.

During Mr. Clinton's first term, though, the American Embassy in Grenada was downgraded to legation status as part of what Washington called an effort "to shift resources to Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union." Responding to that blunt reminder of its strategic insignificance, the Grenadian Government renewed its relationship with Cuba last month. It also plans to sell Grenadian passports to Chinese and Indians eager to leave Hong Kong.

Not large enough to be a key trading partner, the region can only threaten to be a nuisance.

"We are in trouble, we have a lot of needs, and we have not been getting support from our traditional friends," said Prime Minister Keith Mitchell.

The challenge facing the leaders who will meet with Mr. Clinton is to convince him that their nations still have "a strategic, geopolitical importance for the United States," as El Salvador's President, Armando Calderón Sol, put it in a recent interview.

He added, "If we cannot convince people in the United States of that thesis, then I must insist that the problems of the Mayan peoples of El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras are going to be in Arizona."

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business owner to know that there is a legitimate disability."

Dr. Kramer, the author of the Prozac book, scoffs at the threat of abuse. The stigma attached to psychiatric disabilities is so strong, he said, that sufferers go out of their way to hide their illness, not flaunt it. "I don't see people lining up to say, 'I have a mental illness. I need a day off from work.' "

Moreover, there is considerable evidence that people with mental disabilities, even serious mental illnesses, can work productively. Dr. David Drake, a research psychiatrist at Dartmouth Medical School, has studied the experiences of more than 1,000 mentally ill people who work in entry-level jobs, and has found that they are typically very good employees whose only problems are adjusting to the social milieu of the workplace, and not the work itself.

> It seems unlikely that people are going to be lining up to say, 'I have a mental illness. I need a day off from work.'

But there are unanswered questions. Dr. David Mechanic, director of the Institute for Health Care Policy and Aging at Rutgers University, raises a crucial one: "At what point does the need to make accommodations get in the way of productivity?"

That is exactly what Eammon McGeady is wondering. He is president of Martin G. Imbach Inc. in Baltimore, a 50-person company that builds piers, bridges and other marine construction projects. His company, he said, is divided into crews of six people; in each crew there is a crane operator.

"Now if that crane operator says to one of my superintendents, 'I can't come to work until 9 o'clock because I don't like to drive in traffic, I have a phobia, what do I do with the other five folks?' "

Ultimately, it will be left to the courts to decide, and this is what frightens employers the most. Then again, accommodating people with mental illness is hardly unprecedented. Just last week, before the Federal guidelines were announced, the New York Mets disclosed that a pitcher, Pete Harnisch, would be spending time on the disabled. The reason: depression.

Dr. Lans, the New York City psychiatrist, is the director of the Mets' employee assistance program. While he would not discuss the Harnisch case, citing patient confidentiality, he said this was not the first time a major league player had been placed on the disabled roster for an emotional problem. And he was jubilant over the new guidelines.

"Hooray!" he said cheerily. "The idea that the American workplace is this strictly organized, highly functional, extremely efficient group of people going about their business is something out of '1984.'

"Humans are not like that. Humans are messy; no two are alike. You can put them all in the same size cubicle and they do different things. Just look at how people decorate their cubicles, they all have their own signatures. I'm not advocating the violent overthrow of the American workplace, but a little humanism is not a bad idea."

If nothing else, the new guidelines may heighten public awareness of just how many people are emotionally impaired.

"There are very few people who are completely mentally healthy or completely mentally ill," said Dr. Arthur Caplan, who heads the Center for Bioethics at the University of Pennsylvania. "I think we are going to realize through this kind of policy that our work force is much closer to Woody Allen than to Marcus Welby."

What to Do When the Limousine Driver Is Manic-Depressive

To answer some of the questions that employers and employees have about their obligations and rights under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission issued a compliance guide. It includes cases designed to show, for example, how an employer would decide whether an employee has a psychiatric disability that must be accommodated, when a worker may be removed from his position because his disability poses a direct threat or when an employer can ask about an individual's psychiatric disability. Here are some of the examples.

Lovesick Worker

An employee was distressed by the end of a romantic relationship. Although he continued his daily routine, he sometimes became agitated at work. He was most distressed for about a month during and immediately after the breakup. He sought counseling and his mood improved within weeks. His counselor gave him a diagnosis of "adjustment disorder" and stated that he was not expected to experience any long-term problems associated with this event. While he has an impairment (adjustment disorder), his impairment was short-term, did not significantly restrict major life activities during that time, and was not expected to have permanent or long-term effects. This employee does not have a disability for purpose of the ADA.

Reckless Chauffeur

A limousine service knows that one of its best drivers has bipolar disorder and had a manic episode last year, which started when he was driving a group of diplomats to around-the-clock meetings. During the manic episode, the chauffeur engaged in behavior that posed a direct threat to himself and others (he repeatedly drove a company limousine in a reckless manner). After a short leave of absence, he returned to work and to his usual high level of performance. The limousine service now wants to assign him to drive several business executives who may begin around-the-clock labor negotiations during the next several weeks. The employer is concerned, however, that this will trigger another manic episode and that, as a result, the employee will drive recklessly ... The employer may make disability-related inquiries, or require a medical examination, because it has a reasonable belief, based on objective evidence, that the employee will pose a direct threat to himself or others due to a medical condition.

Cashier With Dry Mouth

A retail employer does not allow individuals working as cashiers to drink beverages at checkout stations. The retailer also limits cashiers to two 15-minute breaks during an eight-hour shift, in addition to a meal break. An individual with a psychiatric disability needs to drink beverages approximately once an hour in order to combat dry mouth, a side-effect of his psychiatric medications. This individual requests reasonable accommodation. In this example, the employer should consider either modifying its policy against drinking beverages at checkout stations or modifying its policy limiting cashiers to two 15-minute breaks each day plus a meal break, barring undue hardship.

Sloppy Box-Loader

An employee with a psychiatric disability works in a warehouse loading boxes onto pallets for shipment. He has no customer contact and does not come into regular contact with other employees. Over the course of several weeks, he has come to work appearing increasingly disheveled. His clothes are ill-fitting and often have tears in them. He also has become increasingly anti-social. ... The employee company handbook states that employees should have a neat appearance at all times. The handbook also states that employees should be courteous to each other. When told that he is being disciplined for his appearance and treatment of co-workers, the employee explains that his appearance and demeanor have deteriorated because of his disability ...

The dress code and co-worker courtesy rules are not job-related for the position in question and consistent with business necessity because this employee has no customer contact and does not come into regular contact with other employees. Application of these rules to this employee would violate the ADA.

Loud Librarian

A reference librarian frequently loses her temper at work, disrupting the library atmosphere by shouting at patrons and coworkers. After receiving a suspension ... she discloses her disability, states that it causes her behavior and requests a leave of absence for treatment. The employer may discipline her because she violated a conduct standard — a rule prohibiting disruptive behavior towards patrons and co-workers — that is job-related for the position in question and consistent with business necessity. The employer, however, must grant her request for a leave of absence as a reasonable accommodation, barring undue hardship.

Medicated Saw Operator

An individual receives an offer for a job in which she will operate an electric saw, conditioned on a post-offer medical examination. In response to questions at this medical examination, the individual discloses her psychiatric disability and states that she takes a medication to control it. This medication is known to sometimes affect coordination and the company doctor determines that the individual experiences negligible side effects from the medication because she takes a relatively low dosage. She also had an excellent safety record at a previous job, where she operated similar machinery while taking the same medication. This individual does not pose a direct threat.



Sam Houston as Roman general.

Texas, Where History Stings

By SAM HOWE VERHOVEK

FORT DAVIS, Tex.

THE scene was a ramshackle trailer off a dirt road in the mountains that was stocked with snack foods and a video collection including "Thelma and Louise." But some people said the bizarre standoff that unfolded here last week between the armed Texas separatists inside the trailer and the state authorities surrounding it evoked an earlier embattled spot: the Alamo.

"This is his Alamo, and he believes he's Davy Crockett," Ralph Matson said of his brother, Mike, inside the trailer.

Speaking about Richard L. McLaren, who is the separatist group's leader and a man long detested by the locals, a neighbor said: "The guy clearly wants the Alamo, and I say, give it to him. Big time."

Not everybody here has adopted the imagery, of course. "This is *not* the Alamo," said Mike Cox, a spokesman for the state Department of Public Safety, which ringed the trailer with 100 law-enforcement agents, two armored personnel carriers, a helicopter and a yapping stable of prison bloodhounds. "This is not San Jacinto. And I'm not Davy Crockett."

Still, the fact that so many people here in the Davis Mountains even invoked the Alamo one way or another suggests the enduring hold of the state's most powerful legend. Texans argue that their defining moment was at the Alamo, with victory the end result in the Texas war for independence. Yes, Commander William B. Travis, Jim Bowie, Davy Crockett and more than 150 other heroes died at the fort in March 1836, but they did so in glory. "I shall never surrender or retreat" were the words Travis memorably underlined in his diary.

Just a month later, supposedly spurred on by the gallantry, Sam Houston rallied the troops and Texas gained independence from Mexico at the battle of San Jacinto, still commemorated as a state holiday.

All this helps to explain Texan pride, however annoying it may be to many in the rest of the nation. It is part of the reason many schoolchildren here still say a daily pledge to the state flag, and why more than a few proud parents here give the name Travis to their newborn boys.

> With two modern sieges, the Alamo, pride of Texas, has become a darker legacy.

A Battle Reconsidered

But it should come as no surprise that some might fuse the relentless tug of the state's mythology into their own personal sense of destiny, however warped.

The standoff in Fort Davis is hardly the first time the Alamo has been injected into a siege. To many here, Alamo imagery was inescapable at the Branch Davidian compound near Waco in 1993, where David Koresh, a native Texan, and 80 of his followers hunkered down for 51 days before Federal agents came in with tanks and nearly everyone inside perished in flames.

Lest anyone miss the point, a Texarkana group known as the Northeast Texas Regional Militia erected a granite monument on that lonely stretch of prairie scrub.

The Alamo itself has generated some dispute in recent years. Many writers and historians have taken a more critical view, finding evidence, for instance, that some fighters there may have been less interested in defending Texas than in hanging on to a booty of gold and silver that had probably been stolen from some Apache Indians.

And in a state where Hispanics are by far the fastest-growing ethnic population, many find the Alamo legend, in which the Mexicans are the enemy, discomfiting. Several writers have cast the battle as a symbol not of brave defense against tyranny but of Anglo racism and imperialism, directed at Mexicans and Indians.

Still, the Alamo's pull endures, even for native Midwesterners like Mr. McLaren, who dates his fascination with the Alamo to a third-grade book report. The San Antonio shrine remains the state's most popular tourist spot. The writer Michael Lind has just published a much-discussed, generally admiring book-length poem about the battle, called "The Alamo: an Epic."

And the Alamo clearly continues to feed the Texan identity, sometimes amusingly — "Texas: It's Like a Whole Other Country," runs the state tourism slogan — but also in troubling ways. Though Mr. McLaren has only a handful or two of armed followers with him, hundreds of people have joined at least four different factions of the Republic of Texas, all of which support Texan nationhood with varying degrees of seriousness.

Legal scholars and historians almost universally dispute two factions' claims that Texas was never legally annexed in 1845. "Baloney" and "goofy" were two words used to characterize the claims by Rex Ball, a historian and executive director of the University of Texas's Institute of Texan Cultures, in San Antonio.

T. R. Fehrenbach, author of the encyclopedic "Lone Star: A History of Texas and the Texans," notes that Texans voted overwhelmingly to join the Union, spurred by financial problems and the desire for American cavalry protection against Indian raiders. Besides, he notes, it's all kind of a moot issue by now. Perhaps.

Cynics, Repent

Overwhelmed by Good News

By FRANCIS X. CLINES

Journalism — An ability to meet the challenge of filling the space.
— Rebecca West

THIS may be the kindest explanation of all for the hours of air time and columns of run-on narrative, weighty analysis and cunning feature reporting that the news media invested last week in the gathering of celebrity volunteers called by President Clinton.

Less kind was the explanation of some in the news business, who complained that the reporters and news crews blanketing a ruindown stretch of Philadelphia to record the celebrities' resolute words and paint-roller deeds were an example of the "spin as news" phenomenon in journalism. For them, the grandly public display of private beneficence was a reminder that goodness used to be its own reward.

> If good news is good business, Presidents with paint rollers are too good to pass up.

"Journalism bought into this because it's a chance to write about problems in a positive way so you're not always the bearer of bad news," said Bill Kovach, the curator of the Nieman Foundation for Journalism at Harvard, who has spent decades as reporter, editor and now mentor in a business lately accused of being reflexively cynical.

As scandal has become as ingrained a feature as the comics, newspaper critics both right and left have complained that the press reduces complex stories to "win/lose" political coverage, substituting smideness for skepticism and generally leading readers to not allow for the possibility of altruism in public life.

And the press, in its soul-searching, has looked for ways to be positive.

"Isn't this George Bush's 'thousand points of light' program that everyone heehawed off the stage?" Mr. Kovach asked, concerned that the press, so eager to please, is letting itself be spun to the point of boosterism.

A media guilt complex that has been growing since the investigative zeal of the Watergate era is only one factor in Mr. Kovach's analysis of the press performance in Philadelphia. "Civic journalism" — the self-advanced responsibility to proularly root out good news — is another.

"All these concerns by the press about not appearing too distant from the community," the news veteran said. "The concern to appear to be part of the community's search for solutions."

Poetically perhaps, the volunteerism summit of current and past Presidents, Mr. Bush included, was covered by some of the same reporters who otherwise find much of their time in Washington consumed by campaign finance scandal and Whitewater. The event also drew an enthusiastic throng of volunteers from the public who were hardly cynical toward Gen. Colin L. Powell, who used his celebrity power to highlight a national drive to inspire enough volunteers and corporate donations to help two million children by the end of the century.



Agence France-Presse

Three Presidents: George Bush, Bill Clinton and Jimmy Carter volunteer.

Skepticism Has Its Place

At least one of the journalists in Philadelphia, the editor of The Weekly Standard, Bill Kristol, took care to bring his working-cynic press badge to one panel, where he called for more muckraking stories on the order of the United Way scandal of five years ago now that volunteerism and charity are front-page news.

"I was the skunk at the garden party," he admitted. "I heard a lot of talk about, 'Gee, the media's reporting on all the good news out there.' I tried to make a case for straightforward skepticism in this area of life, as in others."

Mr. Kristol, however, had advice on how to balance the reporting of events like the Philadelphia summit with critical journalism that serves readers. He suggested following up what newsrooms used to call "goo-goo" assignments.

Good Intentions

Why not go back to all those feel-good feature stories about computers and Internet access donated to schools and see what is actually occurring and who is benefiting, asked Mr. Kristol, a strong believer in the private sector but a bad-news junkie, too.

Wary of what he calls "news you can use, heroes you can admire" as a steady diet of journalism, he wonders what H. L. Mencken, the acerbic press pundit, might have had to say in Philadelphia. "Look, I know the country's at peace and prosperous and now we can focus on other things," he said of the challenge to find new news. "But I was very struck that all the talk was about intentions, and there wasn't much of a sense that — after the past 30 years of hard lessons — good intentions don't always result in good outcomes."

But that was last week. Now readers who were craving good news are free to revel again in William Randolph Hearst's definition of real news: a story whose headline causes a reader to first stagger back in disbelief, then rush to buy and read it down through all the shocking details.

Ideas & Trends

Now, the Ennui of Outrage

By WILLIAM GRIMES

DENNIS RODMAN would like your attention. Again.

In the latest highly produced installment of his life story, "Walk on the Wild Side," Mr. Rodman very much hopes to shock each and every American citizen with the news that he had an affair with a transsexual, fantasizes about masturbating while sitting on the bench during basketball games, and plans to change his name to Orgasm.

Yawn.

Mr. Rodman, diligently consulting the Madonna playbook, wants to corner the market on outrageousness. But powerful forces in modern culture are conspiring to frustrate him. There's only so much outrage to go around. Ellen DeGeneres and Anne Heche are hogging some of it right now, so there's less for Mr. Rodman.

The provocative strategies that pervade American culture have seeped into the political arena, further cutting into the available supply of outrage. Even now, the Texas separatists and Timothy McVeigh, a defendant in the highly theatrical Oklahoma City bombing, are soaking up outrage like sponges. Hard-core outrageousness — bombings, torture slayings, self-immolation, things like that — tends to crowd out the synthetic variety. When several dozen people take their own lives believing that they are en route to another planet, it becomes that much more difficult for Mr. Rodman to convince the world that he is strange.

So things look a little bleak for Mr. Rodman, especially since outrage is a nonrenewable resource. You can traumatize Jesse Helms once with a crucifix in a jar of urine, but not twice. Artists like Andres Serrano, Karen Finley and Annie Sprinkle had a good career-building run playing the Helms card, but the Senator's attention, and that of the American people, has moved on to other matters. In fashion, nose-piercing begat lip piercing which begat tongue and navel piercing. Having run through series A, serious piercers are diligently working their way through series B and C, double-piercing and triple-piercing all of the above. Some are going below the belt.

It's wasted effort. The bourgeoisie is becoming unshockable, and without a bourgeoisie to shock, what's the point? There is no game.

When Shock Was Valued

In the golden age of outrageousness, from the Romantic period through the 1960's, artists, thinkers and assorted cultural gadflies could depend on the middle class to react.

France, a high-strung, tradition-bound nation, was particularly blessed. When Victor Hugo's play "Hernani" opened at the Comédie Française in 1830 it touched off a near riot. In 1896, the curtain went up on Alfred Jarry's "Ubu Roi" and the lead actor uttered a one-syllable vulgarism. *Scandale!*

In the palmy days when Paris pursed its lips, the poet Gérard de Nerval could create a sensation merely by walking a pet lobster on a blue silk ribbon in the gardens of the Palais-Royal.

Across the channel, Oscar Wilde, building on a solid foundation laid by poets like Byron and Shelley, devoted a lifetime to taunting the Victorians in word, deed and dress. The results were gratifying, at least until the court case.

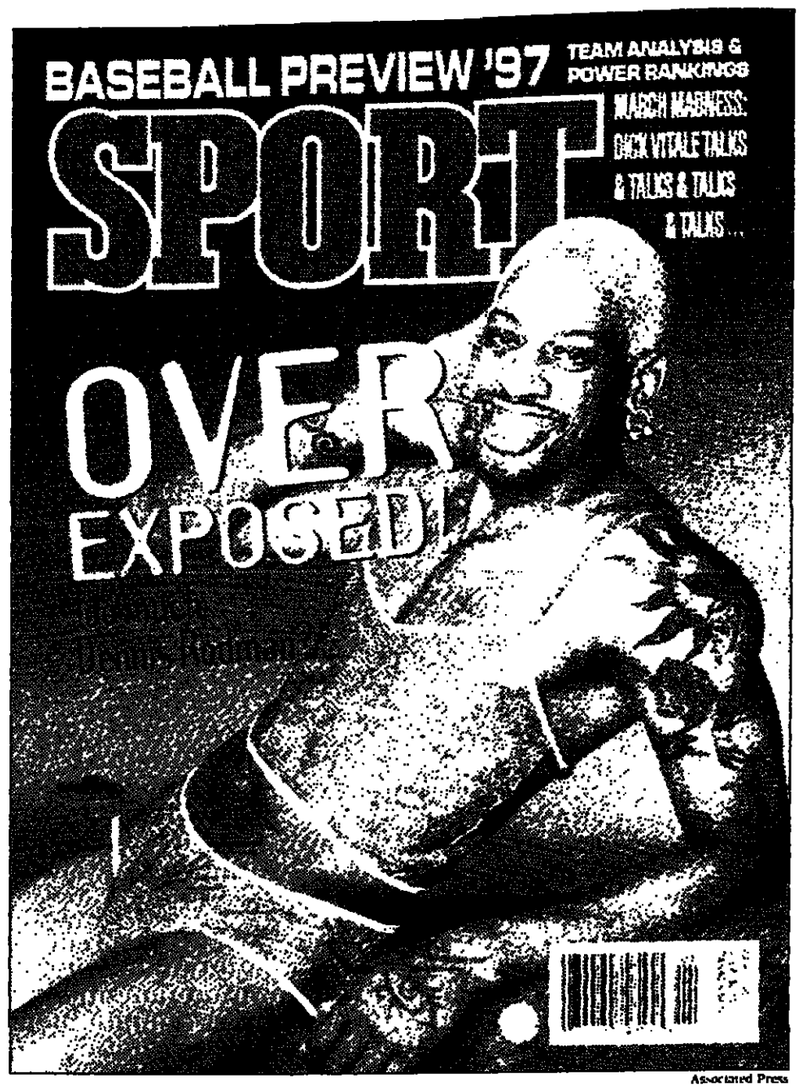
The golden age had its forerunners, of course. An honors list of calculated outrage would have to include Diogenes, the Greek philosopher who dramatized the virtues of the simple life by living in a tub. It was truly a master stroke when Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to Wittenberg's cathedral door. Even in the dissipated atmosphere of 18th-century France, the Marquis de Sade managed to make a vivid enough impression to land him in the Bastille.

But it was the bourgeoisie, narrow and judgmental, that guaranteed the success of outrageousness as a cultural strategy. When provoked, the middle class rose to the bait every time. Alas, no more. Once upon a time, rock stars needed only to sneer and wear their hair long to get the outrage job done. By the 1970's, Alice Cooper had to wear makeup and a boa constrictor to get any attention. Ozzy Osbourne upped the ante by biting the head off a live bat. Now the cynical might conclude that nothing short of suicide does the trick. This strategy is known as the Kurt Cobain Gambit.

The market has gotten tough for the specialists in calculated outrage, but it's no day at the beach in the real world, either. Even serial killing is not the headline-grabber it once was, not after John Wayne Gacy went deep into double digits on his murder spree. Killers who do away with fewer than 10 victims must now eat their prey if they want to make page one.

As a public-relations move, does outrage have a future? The ever-acute Madonna may have her finger on the pulse. After several dozen image transformations, she has opted for motherhood. Behold, Madonna and Child, the most traditional image available to the human imagination.

The way forward for Mr. Rodman is clear: marriage, children and a dental practice in Levittown. Take a walk on the wild side.



Associated Press

No Oscar Wilde: Dennis Rodman would like you to know that he's still outrageous.

For Heroes, Limitations Of Statues

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possible to create monuments that either offend or soothe entire assemblages of interest groups in a single blow.

The archetype is the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. It angered conservatives, veterans, women and various minorities until a flagpole and multi-racial statues of male soldiers and female nurses were erected to address perceived slights.

That made a deep impression. Since then, a Korean War memorial has included stainless-steel statues of white, black, Korean and American Indian soldiers, and a separate memorial to women veterans has been placed at Arlington National Cemetery.

Resourceful designers are finding new ways to avert controversy. A talented California sculptor, Lisa Reinertson, recently memorialized the 50th anniversary of Japan's wartime occupation of Guam, a pageant of forced marches, concentration camps and other horrors, with a sculpture of a woman, her long, flowing cape embossed with war scenes.

Japan is represented by a soldier viewed from behind, so that his facial features

Now, demands that the dogs of war be honored, too.

cannot be distinguished. "That was a touchy issue," she said last week. "I wanted to show what suffering these people did endure. But I also know that during wartime, you can point out villains on all sides."

Looking at all sides is important these days. One can argue the merits of wheelchair statues at the F.D.R. memorial one way or the other. U.S. News & World Report, for instance, said last week that there may be no more fitting way to present the case for the disabled, even as it argued that memorials are honors, not billboards for the cause of the moment. Nobody wants a memorial statue of John F. Kennedy shirtless in a back brace, a blonde on one arm, the magazine noted.

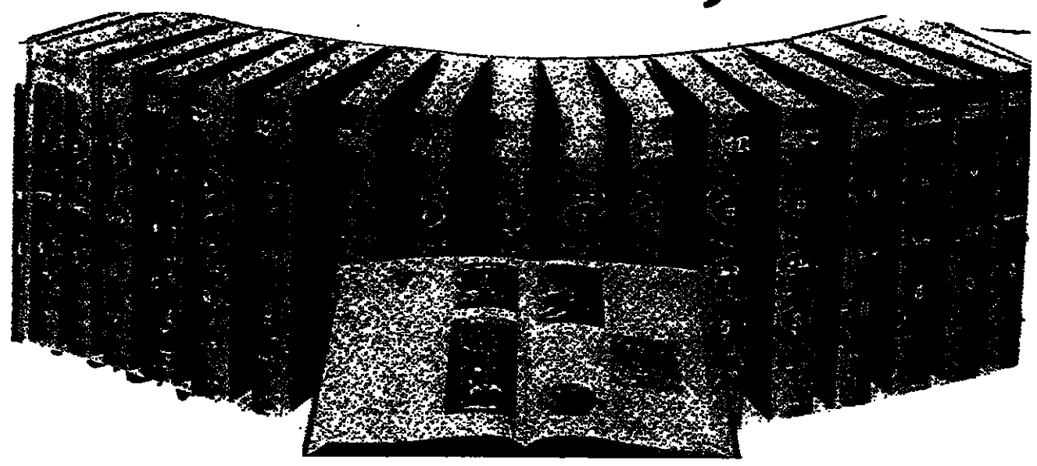
Or do they?

One thing the F.D.R. flap makes clear is that monumental correctness is not limited to the tired old dictates of gender and color. Architecture — and especially monuments — mirrors the preoccupations of civilization, said Norman Koonce, the head of the American Architectural Foundation. And so it may not be all that hard to conceive of a Jefferson Memorial embellished with a granite rendering of the Founder's stable of slaves. Or a new sculpture of Churchill: no addictive, carcinogenic cigar but some reference — a black dog at his side, perhaps — symbolizing his ability to plan a Normandy invasion while battling clinical depression.

Robert Berks, the great sculptor whose 24-foot statue of Albert Einstein is a Washington landmark, has a head of Roosevelt in the entrance of the National Archives here. Ebullient and smiling broadly, this F.D.R. has a mouth full of obviously crooked teeth. An insult? Or proof of his triumph over terrible dentistry? You be the judge. Mr. Berks says he did it that way because the man had lousy teeth. "As an artist," he said,

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ECONOMY

Where Wall Street Meets the Las Vegas Strip

By LAURA PEDERSEN-PIETERSEN

LAS VEGAS, Nev.

ALL I needed to hear was that investment guru Howard J. Ruff was going to be at "The Money Show" this past week here, the gambling mecca of the Western world. I didn't care that I would be lunching with the legendary Louis Rukeyser. I was blasé about partaking in seminars where I could quiz famous forecasters like Elaine Garzarelli.

I didn't even care that there would be tons of free advice on the next hot stocks, the inside scoop on interest rates, sample newsletters and lots of useless promotional knickknacks.

No. I just wanted Howard.

You see, Howard Ruff and I have had a thing since I was 13 — only Howard doesn't know it. Howard, who writes the Ruff Times newsletter, is the reason I became a trader and spent six long years on the floor of the American Stock Exchange shouting my lungs out. His 1979 chef-d'oeuvre, "How To Prosper During the Coming Bad Years," so affected me that after only three chapters I was buying canned food and stockpiling it in the basement. The bad times never came but a particularly vicious Buffalo blizzard did, during which I was able to sell the entire hoard to my parents at inflationary prices.

He's still a Gloomy Gus. Addressing the extravaganza here as one of the keynote speakers, he argued that today's stock market is "thoroughly picked over." The only stocks he endorses are overlooked small-capitalization issues, like Brighton Technologies, a marketer of computers in China, and Red Oak Hereford Farms, a meat processor in Red Oak, Iowa.

For the three days of the meeting, a period when the Dow reassured investors by soaring nearly 3 percent, I was part of the trek of the faithful.

The impresarios of "The Money Show," Charles and Kim Githler, a husband-and-wife team out of Sarasota, Fla., have been producing investment seminars since 1981, but this is the Big One, bearing out that dictum from Kevin Costner in "Field of Dreams": "If you build it, they will come."

And have they ever. What Renaissance weekends are to East Coast intellectuals, this event is to small investors. The gatherings began modestly enough as run-of-the-mill conventions in San Francisco and Orlando, Fla., but they took a new turn when Las Vegas was added to the schedule. This year, the promoters are expecting to accommodate a total of 45,000 by adding shows in Chicago and Seattle.

What accounts for this irrational exuberance? It can't be Bally's food (at $2 a banana, no one was buying), or the fact that attendance costs next to nothing.

For the real answer, look no further than the shelves of the nearest bookstore, groaning under the weight of financial self-help books.

"Of all the big financial shows, this one's the best," said Neil J. George Jr. chief economist for the St. Louis-based Mark Twain Bank, which just merged with the Mercantile Bank. "In three days, we can interact with 5,000 to 7,000 present and potential customers in our target market — perhaps even teach them all about trading foreign currency, a main service of ours."

Certainly there's no letup in the lava-like flow of stock market information inundating America's investing public. As the Dow marches higher, turning gutsy investors into millionaires, individuals are managing more of their own retirement money.

Most of the crowd is between 55 and 65, but regardless of age, there seem to be three types of attendees, according to veteran Money Showgoer Timothy Walker of Grosse Ile, Mich.: "Those who have a lot of money, those who think they have a lot of money and those who want a lot of money."

One common denominator is a penchant for research — their own. You'll never see these people giving a blank check to their local brokers, or opening discretionary accounts. They ask a lot of questions and virtually all subscribe to one or more newsletters. Seventy-five percent use discount brokers, and many belong to investment clubs. The majority say they have dabbled in option, commodity and currency trading.

And by now, many of them have learned one of the most appealing attractions of "The Money Show:" if you go to all the seminars and panel discussions, you're bound to find support for your point of view.

Here's what the bulls were saying:

Frank Holmes, chairman and CEO of U.S. Global Investors, warned, "If you're not long, then you're going to be wrong." He's investing in Russia and in technology stocks.

Elaine Garzarelli, editor of The Garzarelli Outlook, sees the Dow hitting 7,600 this year. She likes consumer services, nondurables, technology, banking and insurance and she advises steering clear of iron, steel, aluminum, and housing stocks.

And Al Frank, editor of The Prudent Speculator, a newsletter, whose model portfolio has been ranked No. 1 one over the last 15 years with a 21 percent compounded annual return, expects a summer rally. He is partial to beaten-down technology stocks and bank stocks and thinks a small interest rate cut could nudge the Dow to 8,000 by year-end.

AND what of the bears?

Geraldine Weiss, publisher of Investment Quality Trends, another newsletter, advises putting 30 percent of your money into undervalued stocks; the rest in Treasuries and certificates of deposit.

Stan Weinstein, editor of The Professional Tape Reader, mistrusts the technology sector, would avoid aerospace plays like Boeing, and sees the Dow tumbling to 6,200 by year-end. "Only 30 percent of the stock charts are technically healthy right now compared to 70 percent last year at this time," he said.

Sitting squarely on the fence was Bert Dohmen, editor of "Bert Dohmen's Wellington Letter." In his view, "the bear market has already started for many stocks," noting that 77 percent of Nasdaq stocks were 20 percent off recent highs. Still, he's bullish on real estate investment trusts, banks and European stock markets like those of Germany, France and England.

Got all that? Who could? Fortunately, for the financially challenged, there were less weighty distractions.

There was Jay Baker, a buttoned-down managing director of the American Stock Exchange, patiently explaining the workings of SPDR's, an index fund that mirrors the Standard & Poor's 500, pronounced "spiders," while next door the Princeton Research Group was promoting franchises of Hubbs Pubs, a restaurant chain featuring 99 beers from around the world.

And it wouldn't be Las Vegas without scantily-dressed show girls, in this case operating overhead projectors and otherwise doing their thing for the future of capitalism. James Dines, editor of an eponymous newsletter and a noted gold bug, is convinced that the presence of show girls raises the net asset value of anything he does. But even "The Money Show" has its limits. At last year's San Francisco show, he was instructed by management to send his models home in order to "go long" additional clothing in order to "cover their short positions."

The talk of this year's show was the stunning Catherine Curran, a 6-foot-1, 18-year-old Las Vegas native, who was earning tuition money for Dartmouth College, where she starts in the fall, by handing out information for the Ultimate Cigar Company, a purveyor of cigars that went public not long ago. It needs her help badly. The stock, which trades over-the-counter almost by appointment, ended the week at $1.50, or 50 cents lower than where it started the week and a far cry from the $9.75 it was fetching in December. Maybe it was just as well that there was no easy way to punch up stock quotes in the entire hotel.

So, in the final analysis, do attendees get anything out of this?

After 200 talks, panel discussions and exhibits, this former Wall Street professional was totally overwhelmed, so I imagined that most others walked away confused, too. But that was not the case. Despite the information overload, most attendees didn't seem to have any trouble filtering out the hype and the irrelevant. David Houck of Minneapolis, a retired controller for Archer Daniels Midland, has attended the show for eight years. He comes for the stock tips. Over the years he's used information from the shows to get into Merck at $29 (now $90.875). Honeywell at $29 (now $70) and John Deere at $40 (now $46.50).

Robert Arena, a mining equipment salesman, came from Price, Utah, to learn more about options trading. Last year he was inspired by the wisdom of Bernard G. Shaeffer and subscribed to Shaeffer's Option Advisor newsletter, but has since decided to look elsewhere. This year Mr. Arena listened intently to a presentation by Kenneth R. Trester, an options expert, and if he decides he likes what he heard, he'll subscribe to Mr. Trester's Complete Option Report.

Henry and Marge Hazenberg, from Kennewick, Wash., attended their third "Money Show" in order to check out the latest investment gadgetry. Last year they subscribed to a computerized, market-timing service called Vectorvest Prographics, a computerized charting software program that analyzes and ranks more than 5,500 stocks. The couple saw the program at the show and said it "helped them to make a lot of money."

On the other hand, Tom Krenick of Henderson, W.Va., is just happy to pick up free samples of all the different newsletters.

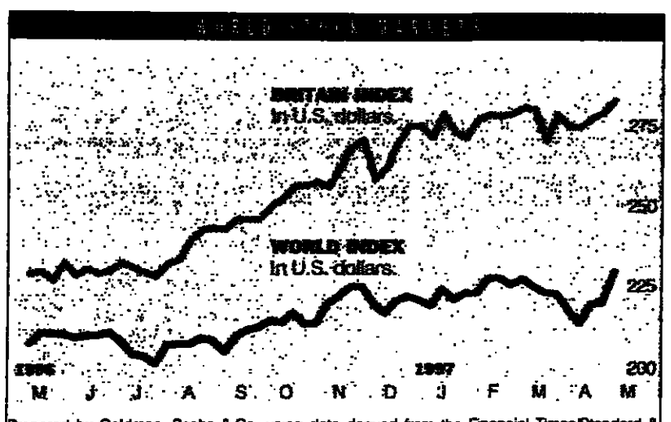
Some find money. Others find love.

The Githlers estimate that 40 percent of attendees are single. The couple know of 12 matches made through the events. Two part-time New Yorkers, Charles and Elizabeth Holmann, met at the San Francisco show three years ago and announced a merger a few years later. Mr. Githler explains it this way: for a relationship to work, people have to be compatible on every level — and sometimes that includes being able to sit through hourlong economic seminars. □



Jim Laurie for The New York Times

Some investment seminars during the Las Vegas version of "The Money Show" used models to operate the overhead projectors or to pass out corporate literature.



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Austria	181.40	– 0.3	23	– 4.5	21	1.95	162.94	7.2
Belgium	243.65	2.6	10	7.0	6	3.34	214.34	20.2
Brazil	248.58	2.1	12	31.1	1	1.55	486.90	34.2
Britain	286.05	1.4	17	1.0	17	3.75	262.09	6.8
Canada	196.64	6.5	1	3.6	12	1.98	196.84	4.5
Denmark	360.86	0.0	21	2.5	14	1.57	323.01	14.4
Finland	260.29	3.2	6	6.0	7	1.60	284.43	19.7
France	218.67	4.1	3	2.1	15	2.85	199.89	14.5
Germany	201.32	1.8	14	6.0	8	1.55	180.91	18.8
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Philippines	156.84	– 9.6	28	–23.0	28	0.90	206.15	–22.8
Singapore	369.51	– 0.5	24	–12.0	26	1.15	246.42	– 8.9
South Africa	362.32	1.5	16	13.8	3	2.39	352.56	8.3
Spain	229.64	2.8	7	4.5	11	2.58	253.64	17.1
Sweden	421.39	2.8	8	– 0.1	19	2.14	488.94	14.7
Switzerland	271.81	3.3	5	13.9	2	1.32	248.10	24.9
Thailand	75.64	– 5.1	27	–21.0	27	4.08	76.63	–19.6
United States	329.19	6.4	2	9.1	5	1.85	329.19	9.1
COMPOSITE INDICES								
Europe	248.71	2.2		3.8		2.71	232.80	13.9
Pacific Basin	137.57	3.0		– 7.5		1.35	108.27	– 1.2
Europe/Pacific	183.91	2.5		– 1.4		2.11	155.29	6.8
World	232.60	4.3		3.7		1.98	209.49	7.9

Source: Goldman, Sachs & Co. Exchange rates as of Friday's London close.
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Exchange rate	Friday	Last Friday	Week % Chg.	Year Ago
Japanese yen to the U.S. dollar	126.57	126.25	+0.25	105.15
German marks to the U.S. dollar	1.7293	1.7270	+0.13	1.5250
Canadian dollars to the U.S. dollar	1.3815	1.3967	–1.08	1.3655
U.S. dollars to the British pound	1.6210	1.6231	–0.12	1.5070

Source: Bloomberg Financial Markets, exchange rates as of Friday's New York close

Stronger Dollar, Fewer Bargains

By JONATHAN FUERBRINGER

IF Americans picked their foreign destinations by the breaks they get when the dollar strengthens, there would be a flood of tourists to Turkey, Ecuador, Hungary and Japan this summer.

During the last year, the dollar has risen sharply against most of the world's major currencies, a move spurred by the pace of U.S. economic growth, the continuing good performance of the stock market and the rise in American interest rates.

In reality, the jump in the value of the dollar does not translate into the same amount of savings for Americans abroad, as hotels and restaurants raise their prices and street vendors bargain harder. Inflation in some countries can also erase the benefits of a strong dollar.

Even so, the big move of the dollar in the last year is still cutting prices overseas. According to travel analysts, Americans do not seem to be swayed by such currency swings in the short run.

Among the top 10 favorite foreign destinations for Americans, only Japan is also among the 10 countries against which the dollar had its best rally over the last year.

The dollar has appreciated in value — but not as much — against the currencies of France, Germany and Italy, which ranked fourth, fifth and sixth on the top 10 destinations list.

Britain, the third-most-popular destination, may be especially enticing, for those interested in seeing London with its first Prime Minister from the Labor Party since 1979. But tourists are unlikely to come for the bargains. Britain's economy has been rebounding — a fact that did not help the Conservatives — and so has the British pound.

In the last year the value of the dollar against the pound has shrunk 7.5 percent, lifting the price of Saville Row suits and tea and scones alike.

While rejoicing at the better values in Russia, Pakistan, South Korea and Sweden, as well as in Continental Europe, American travelers should not get too giddy. The deals are better now, but they are nowhere near what they were a decade ago.

This great downswing in the value of the dollar since the mid-1980's seems to have had more impact on visitors to the United States than on Americans tourists abroad. It was the sharp fall in the dollar that lead to a surge of travel to the United States at the end of the 1980's. And those foreign tourists were spending more here than Americans were spending abroad. □

April 28-May 2: Up 332 Points, the Dow Erases Most of Its Slide

Sources: Bank Rate Monitor; Bloomberg Financial Markets; The Bond Buyer; Datastream; Goldman, Sachs; IBC's Money Fund Report; Merrill Lynch; Standard & Poor's; Ryan Labs

PRICES

DOMESTIC EQUITIES

Broad market S.&P. 500 index	**Up 6.22%**	812.97
Blue chips Dow 30 industrials	**Up 4.93%**	7,071.20
Small capitalization Russell 2000 index	**Up 5.40%**	353.98

30-DAY RELATIVE TREND +15% 0 –15

DOMESTIC BONDS

Treasuries Ryan Labs. Total Return	**Up 1.61%**	195.38
Municipals Bond Buyer index	**Up 2.02%**	115.41
Corporates Merrill Lynch Master index	**Up 1.72%**	856.90

+18% 0 –15

AROUND THE WORLD

European stocks F.T.-Actuaries Europe	**Up 2.16%**	248.71
Asian stocks F.T.-Actuaries Pacific Basin	**Up 2.96%**	137.57
Gold New York cash price	**Down 0.67%**	$341.60

Foreign indexes are given in dollar terms

+15% 0 –15

YIELDS

BONDS

Long bonds 30-year Treasuries	**6.88%**	Down 26 basis pts.
Notes 2-year Treasuries	**6.22%**	Down 31 basis pts.
Municipals Bond Buyer index	**5.87%**	Down 11 basis pts.

100 basis points = 1 percentage point

90-DAY RELATIVE TREND Change in basis points. +60 0 –60

OTHER INVESTMENTS

Money market funds Taxable average	**4.96%**	Up 2 basis pts.
Bank C.D.'s 1-year small savers	**5.21%**	Up 1 basis pt.
Stocks S.&P. 500 dividend yield	**1.88%**	Down 10 b.p.

Change in basis points +60 0 –60

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The Warrior Spies

Of the myriad problems facing the next Director of Central Intelligence, the most important and intractable is the clandestine service, the center of America's espionage activities and covert operations. Since this elite group first took form at the dawn of the cold war, it has dominated and defined the Central Intelligence Agency, sometimes by brilliant achievement, often by humiliating failure. To date, the insular service has resisted every effort to make it accountable and hold it to high standards of integrity and professional conduct.

Over the years the service developed invaluable Soviet agents and compromised Moscow's military communications system. It helped prevent Communism from spreading into Western Europe. But with White House encouragement it also hatched harebrained plots to assassinate Fidel Castro, engineered the overthrow of legitimate governments in Iran and Guatemala, and illegally spied on Americans who opposed the Vietnam War. As recently as this decade the service kept murderous Guatemalan military officers on the payroll and defied a Presidential decision to cut off security assistance to that country.

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George Tenet, President Clinton's new nominee to run the C.I.A., is not an ideal choice to change that. Just a few years removed from serving as a compliant Senate and White House aide, Mr. Tenet lacks the gravitas and steely determination to reform the Directorate of Operations, as the service is known within the C.I.A. After the collapse of the Anthony Lake nomination, Mr. Clinton turned to Mr. Tenet because he was acting head of the agency and willing to take the thankless job.

If Mr. Tenet is to be more than a custodian, he must commit himself not just to consolidate reforms initiated in recent years but to broaden them. For that, he needs the full support of Mr. Clinton and Congress. The first test of that alliance will come this week, when the Senate Intelligence Committee begins consideration of the Tenet nomination. Anything less than a strong declaration by Mr. Tenet and a public mandate from the committee will cripple his leadership even before he is confirmed.

The clandestine service, which now has some 2,000 officers, has never been fully under the control of the Director of Central Intelligence. Even John Deutch, who had both the nerve and desire to reform the service while C.I.A. chief in Mr. Clinton's first term, could not eradicate the arrogance and opposition to strict standards.

Mr. Deutch made some progress. Misconduct in places like Guatemala was investigated and punished. Guidelines were installed to control recruitment of foreign agents with criminal records. Violations of American law in espionage ventures and covert operations were not tolerated. Intelligence failures were fully reported to Congress.

But Mr. Deutch was pushing against a 50-year tradition of independence, lax management and outright insubordination. The clandestine service followed an expedient cold war ethic and set its own rules. Even the blundering but damaging treachery of Aldrich Ames was not aggressively pursued. Other failures were kept secret, abuses went unpunished and American laws were broken without consequence. Many in the service sincerely called it patriotism and Presidents endorsed or winked at the abuses until 1975, when Gerald Ford's hand was forced by public disclosures of assassination plots.

Today's clandestine service is younger, more disciplined and less drawn to James Bond escapades. Many officers welcome stronger supervision and clearer guidelines for conduct.

But numerous cold warriors remain, and they do not look kindly on reform. They mistakenly believe that rules and ethical standards suffocate risk-taking, which is essential to effective espionage. Only a few years ago this tribe brazenly defied Director James Woolsey by awarding a medal to a colleague he had just punished. Mr. Deutch was jeered by the staff early in his tenure.

Retired officers play a shadowy but important role in thwarting change. They lobby members of Congress, encourage opposition among former colleagues and have at times engaged in subterranean efforts to undermine C.I.A. directors. Mr. Tenet's supporters are concerned that such a campaign is already being quietly waged against him.

Mr. Tenet can best overcome opposition by decisively asserting command. As Mr. Deutch's deputy, Mr. Tenet supported reform but was seen as a confidant and defender of the clandestine service. He may be tempted now to temporize.

Instead, Mr. Tenet ought to press ahead with programs to improve the training of officers, to break down agency fiefdoms and to instill rigorous standards of conduct. He needs a deputy director for operations able to make change stick. David Cohen, the incumbent, is wobbly and should be replaced. Mr. Tenet's days of obedient service to others are over. He is about to become the boss, and will be judged in large measure by how he handles the clandestine service.

Showing Children Another World

"In the country, everything isn't always a rush. You have time to play." That revelation came to 11-year-old Satoya after she spent two weeks last summer with a family in a rambling house just outside Allentown, Pa. Satoya, who is growing up in a Brooklyn apartment, is one of the many children who have been exposed to a whole new world by the Fresh Air Fund.

Since 1877, the fund, a not-for-profit New York-based organization, has transported more than 1.6 million children between the ages of 5 and 15 from the hot, crowded streets of the city to a world where houses come with grass and trees, and fruits and vegetables come straight from nature without cellophane wrapping. Children who have run only in city parks can have foot or bike races on shaded country lanes, build castles on sandy beaches, stuff themselves at picnics in the backyard and chase fireflies after sunset.

Last year, the Fresh Air Fund sent more than 6,500 children to stay for at least two weeks with host families in "Friendly Towns" in 13 states and Canada. Another 2,900 children explored the wilderness, mountains and lakes in five Fresh Air camps near Fishkill, N.Y. Though host families freely open their homes to youngsters, there are transportation, insurance and administrative expenses. It costs $343 for each child's two-week stay with a "Friendly Town" family, and $968 for each summer camper. The fund hopes to raise $4.5 million by September in order to give free vacations to nearly 10,000 youngsters this year.

More than 80 percent of the fund's operating budget comes from individual contributions. Tax-deductible donations can be sent to the Fresh Air Fund, 1040 Avenue of the Americas, New York, N.Y. 10018. Families wishing to be Friendly Town hosts may call (800) 367-0003.

After two weeks, most of the youngsters gush over the open spaces and their new friends, and many re-visit their host families over several years. But the benefits are hardly one-sided. The youngsters give the host families a fresh perspective on a world they may take for granted.

As one family noted, "You bring joy to a child's life, but you don't realize how much more they bring to you."

Indonesia's Programmed Elections

Although Indonesia's parliamentary elections will not be held until May 29, the Government has already announced that it expects to get 70.02 percent of the vote. This is not evidence of advanced polling techniques, but rather of old-style political control. Elections in Indonesia are just another way to rally support for President Suharto and his Government. Since this year's elections are the least free in decades, it is safe to assume the Government thinks its popularity is slipping.

Voters will elect 425 members of Parliament. Next year, those parliamentarians will join 75 representatives of the military and 500 people of the Government's choosing to elect a president. All indications are that President Suharto, who is 75 and has been in power for more than 30 years, wants and will get another five-year term. Seven of his relatives are candidates for Parliament and he may choose one of his children to succeed him.

Ten years ago, the ruling party won 73 percent of the vote, but in the 1992 election the figure dropped to 68 percent. This year Mr. Suharto is taking no chances. All the candidates are pro-Government. The leader of one of the other Government-approved parties, Megawati Sukarnoputri, began to acquire an independent voice and a following. The Government quickly engineered a coup in her party and she is no longer its head. Many prominent critics of the Government are on trial for subver-

sion. No election street rallies are permitted, and all politicians' statements on radio and TV must be cleared by the Government.

The restrictions are in part an attempt to prevent campaign violence in a year that has seen a series of riots. The first major one was last July, after Government troops invaded Ms. Megawati's party headquarters. Since then hundreds have died in riots all over the country. Indonesians interpret the violence as a sign of discontent and blame the absence of political outlets for protest.

The campaign restrictions, however, also reveal the Government's panic. Some students and Megawati supporters have begun an underground movement to convince people not to vote. The only election result that will actually test the Government's popularity is voter turnout, which is historically over 90 percent.

While in some Asian countries prosperity has brought popular demands for a more open political system, this has not yet happened in Indonesia. Despite impressive economic growth, Indonesia's middle class is still small by Asian standards, and largely made up of Chinese merchants, who tend not to be political, and Government-employed schoolteachers and bureaucrats. The events of the last year are the first signs of a movement that may one day bring democracy to Indonesia. They are apparently enough to scare Mr. Suharto

Israeli Founders Sought Religious Rights for All

To the Editor:

I am a devoted patriot who does not support the usual general criticism of Israel. However, the situation is such that I cannot remain silent. Having been brought up on Zionist ideals — indeed having lived through much of the century in which Zionist principles developed — I find bitter irony in the fact that it is the ultra-religious communities, who for the greater part of this century fought Zionism bitterly, viewing it as a heresy, who are now trying to shape Israel's civilization ("A Schism Among Jews?" editorial, April 20).

The founding fathers, not only Theodor Herzl but others like Chaim Weizmann, Nahum Sokolov and David Ben-Gurion, did not envision this danger. They desired or indeed thought it possible to create a Jewish state in which freedom and civil liberties would not be menaced by any form of dictatorship, least of all a religious one.

But today we see a different reality, one of tensions and intolerance. A characteristic symptom of this attitude is the recent decision of the Knesset to deny the right of Conservative and Reform rabbis, wherever such rabbis may be, to perform valid conversions for those desirous of becoming Jewish. This goes against everything for which the founders of Israel struggled, against the efforts of leaders of subsequent generations like Yitzhak Rabin and his colleagues. A majority of Israelis share my concern for civil rights and the ability of Jews to live whatever brand of Judaism they choose.

It is important that we share these feelings with our brethren in the diaspora so that they know it is not our entire state that supports this minority view. We must persevere, as difficult as it may be, in our efforts to insure that the ideals on which our country's foundations are based are maintained and strengthened and that our ties with diaspora Jewry, which were always a significant part of these foundations, will not be harmed.

TEDDY KOLLEK
Jerusalem, April 29, 1997
The writer is the former Mayor of Jerusalem.

Big Government Doesn't Eliminate the Need for Volunteerism

To the Editor:

Re "Two Cheers for Charity" (Op-Ed, April 27): Only a lifelong champion of expanding government could attach negative connotations to the (potential) rise of volunteerism. It is a pity Mario M. Cuomo did not urge the same caution when helping to construct the countless government programs that have proved not only ineffective but detrimental.

Mr. Cuomo says bigger government became necessary as "the size of our population, the density of its gathering and the nature of the problems of industrialization created greater needs than private charity alone could meet." Why does he ignore the up side of this equation — namely, that with increasing needs came an increasing wherewithal to handle them?

As our Federal Government expanded its role, the essence of what was meant by "community" was slowly undermined. The plain irony is that, as government broadened its assistance, the sense of community activism and responsibility was diminished.

DAVID ALLISON
Cincinnati, April 29, 1997

Social Responsibilities

To the Editor:

T. J. Rodgers ("Holding Up the Shareholder," Op-Ed, April 29) brings out one good point. In assailing the Presidents' Summit in Philadelphia, he demonstrates why government cannot be allowed to abandon its critical role in counterbalancing free-market forces. As he says, a company's social responsibility is to increase profits.

What then is government's social responsibility? Is it, as Mr. Rodgers seems to imply, just to make sure corporations and their shareholders get rich enough so they might be willing to part with some of their wealth for charity's sake without being prompted by politicians or, heaven forbid, government programs?

CONNIE GRUEN
Brewster, N.Y., April 30, 1997


Christophe Vorlet

Born on Third Base

To the Editor:

T. J. Rodgers (Op-Ed, April 29) praises free markets as the Engine of Everything Good. The free pursuit of profit does indeed encourage efficiency, innovation, quality and moderate prices — some of the time. It also, some of the time, renders businesses blind to anything beyond their own immediate gratification.

Mr. Rodgers also credits C.E.O.'s like Jack Welch and Bill Gates with creating a quarter-trillion dollars' worth of wealth for their shareholders. As if they'd done it all with their own hands. Like so many other rich people, they were born on third base — and Mr. Rodgers thinks they hit triples.

JOHN WINSTON BUSH
Brooklyn, April 29, 1997

Shareholders' Burden

To the Editor:

I own stock in one of the socially conscious mutual funds that T. J. Rodgers claims have cost their investors $615 million "in the name of the 'higher good.' " I am quite content with a 5 to 10 percent return, knowing that the other 10 percent is not being taken out of a laborer's pocket and that over time I will do just fine, thank you.

The Presidents' conference was called largely because a significant portion of government has conceded to business's demands that we spend less on social programs. But Mr. Rodgers still fears that business will be asked to subordinate "shareholder value to 'social responsibility.' " Perhaps it is time we resume the discussion about a balance between the two.

SCOTT T. MEIER
Getzville, N.Y., May 1, 1997

The Web of Obligations

To the Editor:

Behind the cheery declarations about volunteerism at the Philadelphia summit (front page, April 28) lie sobering truths. Just as governments cannot operate without volunteer groups, volunteers cannot and should not replace government efforts in many areas. Our leaders will have to remember to not just ask what volunteers can do for their country, but what the government can do to help the volunteers.

Yet Congress has been slashing spending to community groups that count on Federal financing. Those cuts affect all Americans. They reflect that the web of rights and obligations between citizens and their government is breaking down.

It would have been more productive if the summit's organizers had seized this opportunity to establish a new definition of the respective roles of government and citizens in society.

SPYROS ANDREOPOULOS
Stanford, Calif., April 30, 1997

Society's First Aid

To the Editor:

The answer to the query "Does volunteerism really do any good?" lies in the definition of the state as the servant of its people ("Demonstrators Say a Conference on Volunteering Is Inadequate," news article, April 28). By that standard, like charity, volunteerism is the ambulance service of a failed society.

RICHARD T. TENCH
Portland, Ore., April 28, 1997

Salutary Term Limits

To the Editor:

After reading your April 28 front-page article on the changes being wrought by term limits, one thing is safe to say: The sky has not fallen. Legislatures continue to function, bills continue to be proposed and, at least in Maine, budgets come in ahead of schedule.

Instead of undercutting representation by women and minority-group members, the California Legislature demonstrates that term limits have meant new opportunities for underrepresented and disenfranchised constituencies. It would seem that term limits have translated into new participation and new enthusiasm. All this should serve most voters well.

LLOYD M. GREEN
New York, May 1, 1997

Who Financed Surplus?

To the Editor:

If Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani's opponents are wondering about the source of an $800 million budget surplus (front page, May 1), they may want to take a look at the unprecedented aggressiveness of fine issuance and collection under his administration.

Many New Yorkers would agree that hourly trolling of residential neighborhoods for parking violations and stepped-up efforts to tow scofflaws resulted in a revenue stream that would make Scrooge gloat. Now Mr. Giuliani would like to take some of that money to hire more officers, who will write more tickets. Maybe this surplus was financed by New York drivers.

DEBORA GOLDSTEIN
Bronx, May 1, 1997

Airlines Share Blame for Passengers' Behavior

To the Editor:

The airline industry must share some of the blame for the behavior of its passengers ("The Arrival of Uncivil Aeronautics," Business Day, April 30). A person's way of behaving is influenced by the physical environment. There is much evidence to support the relationship between crowding and social disorder.

Airline travel is characterized by crowded conditions, as the industry attempts to pack more people into smaller spaces to increase profitability. Such crowding increases the likelihood of passenger misbehavior. More legroom is the answer, not handcuffs.

BENJAMIN J. SADOCK, M.D.
New York, April 30, 1997
The writer is a professor of psychiatry at N.Y.U. Medical Center.

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To the Editor:

In your April 30 Business Day article airline employees bemoan the increase in violent assaults by passengers.

Not too long ago you reported how, to cut costs, airlines were lowering the quality of air in passenger cabins, by increasing recirculation and decreasing oxygen level.

Is it possible these two events are connected?

Researchers have documented that with sudden increases in altitude there are changes in human behavior, including increases in impulsivity, decreased self-control and poor judgment. Are the passengers perhaps not the ones to blame here?

DAVID HELLERSTEIN, M.D.
New York, April 30, 1997

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To the Editor:

While no airline personnel should be expected to take abuse (Business Day, April 30), I could not help but notice in your article the absence of a description of the deterioration of quality of airline customer service that may have sparked many of the lesser incidents included in your statistics.

PAUL RUBIN
San Francisco, May 1, 1997

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Don't Pick on Business

To the Editor:

Cynicism impels me to regard the volunteerism summit as just fuss and feathers (front page, April 28). It looks good on everyone's résumé, but is unlikely to accomplish much. Targeting business amounts to nothing more than setting up a ready scapegoat.

W. J. YUENGLING
Amityville, N.Y., May 2, 1997

Give Workers Credit

To the Editor:

Your coverage of the Presidents' Summit in Philadelphia made ample mention of celebrities and politicians (front page, April 28). Not once did you cover the winners of the President's Service Award given to 16 outstanding volunteer organizations from across the country.

In the New York area, Richard Grausman and his Careers Through Culinary Arts and Scott Rosenberg and his Art Start program were recipients of these prestigious awards. You chose to write about Oprah Winfrey and John Travolta rather than these tireless volunteers who have been working hard to help disadvantaged youth.

LORAINE BOYLE
New York, April 30, 1997

Smaller Is Wealthier

To the Editor:

Corporate America may be bullish on itself and the future of our country, believing the United States will continue to do better than Europe and Japan (Week in Review, April 27). However, in the year 2100 Japan will be in far better shape than the United States.

A major factor is Japan's projected population decline to one more compatible with its resource endowment, while an America that has rejected the 1972 population stabilization recommendation of the President's Commission on Population and the American Future will be approaching one billion population — all the while protesting that population is not a controllable variable.

B. MEREDITH BURKE
Palo Alto, Calif., May 1, 1997
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Hillary Clinton Loses Her Rights

By Stephen Gillers

On July 11, 1995, and again on Jan. 26, 1996, Hillary Rodham Clinton met with her private attorney and White House lawyers. The first meeting was about Mrs. Clinton's activities following the death of Vincent Foster, the deputy White House counsel. The second meeting was about her grand jury testimony.

Stephen Gillers is a law professor at New York University.

Everything Mrs. Clinton learned as a Yale law student more than two decades earlier would have assured her that the lawyer-client privilege protected the conversations at these meetings. This centuries-old privilege prevents the Government from forcing lawyers and clients to reveal their private communications.

But in a 2-to-1 ruling on Friday, a three-judge panel of the United States *Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit*, based in St. Louis, said Mrs. Clinton could not rely on lawyer-client privilege; notes taken by Federal lawyers from those meetings must be given to Whitewater investigators.

Whatever one's view of the alleged complicity of the Clintons in Whitewater-related scandals, the court's opinion is unfair. And because the ruling is so broad, it will affect virtually every Federal worker who needs to consult with a Government lawyer.

> Lawyer-client privilege for all.

The appeals court decision declared the lawyer-client privilege inoperative when a Federal prosecutor wants to learn what a Government official (as the First Lady is) has said to a Government lawyer. Although there is no other circumstance when the privilege vanishes simply because a prosecutor needs information, the appellate court held that a different rule applied when a Federal official revealed criminal conduct to a Government lawyer.

A Federal lawyer's duty is law enforcement, the court said, not concealment of a crime. Its ruling was narrow, the court added, because only conversations that show "potential criminal wrongdoing" were at risk.

This ruling is unfair to Mrs. Clinton for two reasons. First, it is a total surprise. Mrs. Clinton and her lawyers had every reason to believe that their talk was private. Yet the court chose to apply its decision retroactively to Mrs. Clinton — even as it recognized that it was breaking new ground when it briefly (but only briefly) wondered whether its ruling should apply to future cases only.

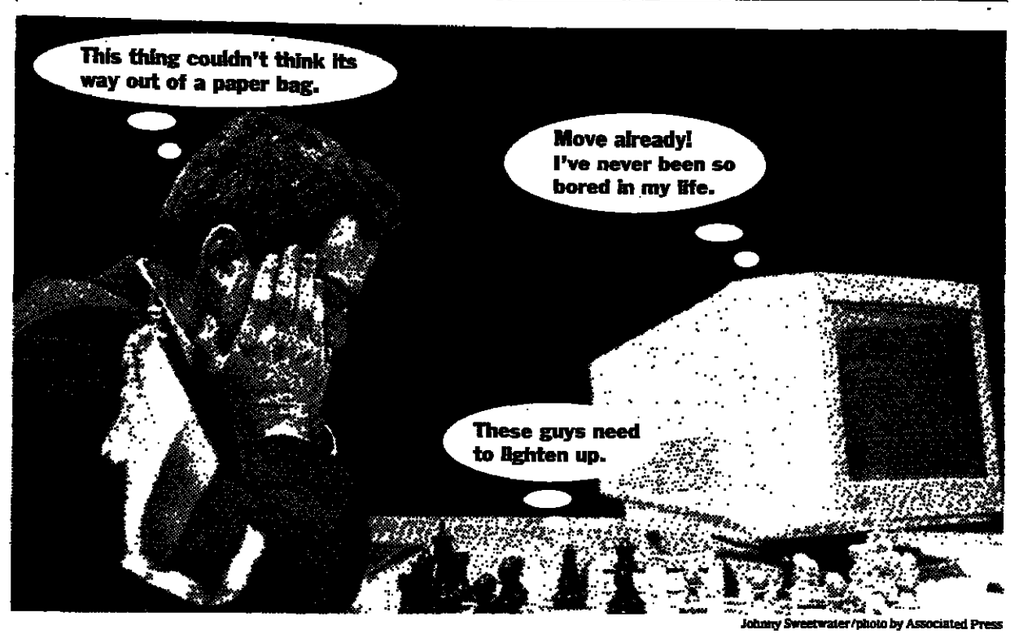
Second, the court contradicted itself when it ordered the notes delivered to Kenneth Starr, the Whitewater prosecutor, without deciding whether they in fact showed "potential criminal wrongdoing." Indeed, the court didn't even read them.

If Mrs. Clinton has nothing to hide, what's the big deal? For one thing, the privilege is intended to relieve her from having to answer that question. The notes may also include embarrassing information, or they may reveal her legal strategies, stuff every other client has a right to conceal.

The court's ruling is not limited to this White House or even to the Presidency. It applies to officials in all branches of government, and, if upheld, we can expect officials to behave differently. They are now on notice that seeking advice from a Government lawyer carries a price. That lawyer may someday be forced to reveal their conversation.

This prospect will make officials less candid with Federal lawyers. Worse, we risk privatizing the Government lawyer's function. It would now be understandable for the a head of an agency confronting a sensitive legal problem to go to the private bar before talking to a Government lawyer, if he talks to one at all.

That may mean more work for Washington law firms, but it is not a good way to run the Government. Private lawyers always put their clients first. At least Federal lawyers are bound to protect the Government. The Eighth Circuit opinion may be good for those who want to get to the bottom of Whitewater at any price, but for the rest of us, the price is too high. □



Johnny Sweetwater/photo by Associated Press

Smarter Than Us? Who's Us?

By John Horgan

Even before the world chess champion Garry Kasparov faced the computer Deep Blue yesterday, pundits were calling the rematch another milestone in the inexorable advance of artificial intelligence, the effort to create machines that mimic human thought. Computers will soon become "smarter than us," supercomputer designer Danny Hillis asserted in a Newsweek essay.

Actually the contest, whatever its outcome, only underscores what a flop artificial intelligence has been, especially relative to its founders' goals. The naïveté of Marvin Minsky of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and other pioneers in the field is legendary. In 1966 Professor Minsky gave an undergraduate, Gerald Sussman, the task of building an object-recognition device out of a computer and a television. Object recognition is what you do when you're having lunch with a prospective employer and you suddenly realize that the person at the next table with his back to you is your current employer. Bald spot, blazer, jowls. Yup, it's him.

Mr. Sussman did not fulfill his assignment (although he eventually became a prominent researcher). Since then, computers have become unimaginably fast. But their ability to recognize a face or conduct a conversation, activities that humans perform almost, well, thoughtlessly, remains primitive. Computers can do very well in situations with simple, clear-cut data, rules and goals. They do very poorly in situations with complicated or ambiguous data, rules and goals — that is, in real life.

> No matter how fast, computers remain clueless.

Chess is tailor-made for computers, and Deep Blue is prodigiously powerful, capable of examining hundreds of millions of positions a second. If this silicon monster must strain so mightily to beat a mere human, what hope is there that computers will ever, say, replace diplomats in negotiating weapons treaties?

Sure, some programs can "hear" a limited number of words. Banks use neural networks to weigh the merits of loan applications. The immigration service plans to test face-recognition software at borders. But these achievements are paltry compared with the dreams of artificial intelligence enthusiasts.

As recently as 1993, Hans Moravec, a roboticist at Carnegie Mellon University, assured me that by the middle of the next century robots would be intelligent enough to usurp the roles of doctors and C.E.O.'s. Professor Minsky fantasizes about converting human personalities into strings of ones and zeros and "downloading" them onto machines.

More sober sorts roll their eyes. "Anyone who expects any human-like intelligence from a computer in the next 50 years is doomed to disappointment," Philip Anderson, the physicist and Nobel laureate, asserted in the journal Science two years ago. For the foreseeable future — and perhaps forever — HAL, the murderous machine in "2001: A Space Odyssey," and Data, the charming cyborg from "Star Trek: The Next Generation," will remain creatures of science fiction.

One day, if not this month, a computer will surely be world chess champion, proving that the game, like loan analysis, is reducible to number-crunching. But the most essential aspects of human thought will continue to elude scientists. As the linguist Noam Chomsky has said, we will probably always learn more about ourselves from novels than we will from science. The question is, should that shortcoming be cause for consternation or celebration? □

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Essay

WILLIAM SAFIRE

Reading Bill's Mind

WASHINGTON

Just when I should feel terrific about my economic boom making possible my budget deal, I can feel the damn prosecutors closing in.

My main vulnerability, Dave Kendall tells me, is arranging for that half million in hush money to Web Hubbell.

Easy to say now that the cover-up is always worse than the crime. But what were we going to do in 1994? Let Web twist in the wind? Abandon him to that sumbitch Starr, until he started talking about our use of his father-in-law as a front, about the Rose files in his basement, about what Vince Foster had been working on?

> I'll stonewall all the way.

We bought three solid years, and a re-election, by getting our friends to take care of Web. (Using Riady was a mistake, but who knew how much we'd need Asia money in the campaign?) Made Web more money in the six months before going to jail than he ever made in his life. And he's hung tough.

Who could turn on us? Bruce Lindsey — never. Jim Blair — rock-solid. Charlie Trie — safe in Beijing, and the Chinese better not turn him over if they want M.F.N. John Huang would go to the wall before double-crossing the Riadys. Marsha Scott? Marsha was our liaison with Web, and she could crack.

The name of the game is "stonewall." Web will stick to his story that he never told us the trouble he was in. That's not easy in the teeth of that timeline of Web and me at Camp David, and Riady and me at the White House, just when Riady gave Web the check for 100 thousand. Then last Friday we had to admit Web's four other contacts with us while he was plea-bargaining. But how can they prove Hillary and I knew he was in deep trouble? Deny till the last dog dies.

We bought another year's time with that secret claim of attorney-client privilege. That privilege works with my personal lawyer, but will it block a grand jury from notes taken by White House counsel, who works for the Government?

The damn appeals court said Hillary's talk with Government lawyers can be subpoenaed in a criminal case. But now I'll buy another six-eight months, taking it to the Supreme Court. And maybe the Court will do for me on privilege what it didn't do for Nixon — Ginsburg and Breyer owe me.

But why in hell did Hillary run on at the mouth in front of Government lawyers in the first place? She knew the strategy — use White House counsel as clearinghouse for all the private attorneys, keeping witnesses' stories straight, sharing info about questions asked in the grand jury.

She should have known, though, that our personal lawyer's presence wouldn't throw a blanket of privilege over every Government lawyer in the room. Her Watergate experience should have known that the Court doesn't look kindly on privilege claims in criminal cases.

No, no, we've got to stick together. I'll forgive her for Whitewater, which was all her doing, even if she never forgives me for letting them appoint outside prosecutors. If they indict her, I'll hold her hand in court and we'll dance at her acquittal.

Congressional hearings worry me less. Gore tells me Thompson at the Senate acts tough but is squishy-soft inside. Burton over in the House is meaner, but we've got everybody and his brother out D'Amato-izing him. He thinks he can get a contempt citation enforced against my newest White House counsel if we keep stonewalling, but this isn't a criminal matter — the courts will back off and let the two branches fight it out.

The House can still vote impeachment, but that's not in the Republicans' interest — they don't want Al Gore in the Oval Office for the year before his race in 2000. My stonewalling just has to work past the '98 elections. Then I can finish out my term and pardon everybody including me on the way to Al's inauguration.

Meanwhile, the bully pulpit is mine: I'll talk up education and race relations and volunteerism, tack toward the conservatives on China, maybe luck out in the Middle East. And as long as the good times roll and people think the business cycle is repealed, my ratings will stay up no matter who gets convicted for what.

So cheer up. I'll make history yet. What other President had two cases, one civil and one criminal, before the Supreme Court at the same time? □

Journal

FRANK RICH

Disney's Homosynergy

If a politician trashes lesbians in Washington and no one hears him, did he really do it?

So must wonder Jim Nicholson, chairman of the Republican Party, after being crushed last week by the Disney juggernaut that is "Ellen." The day the sitcom finally aired, Mr. Nicholson desperately reached for a Dan Quayle moment of headline glory. He huffed to a Gannett reporter about how Ellen DeGeneres was a poor model for "a family kind of life," congratulated the G.O.P. for occupying the nation's "moral high ground" and took a dig at Bill Clinton for his "affinity" with Ms. DeGeneres and her nuzzling lover, the actress Anne Heche, at the White House Correspondents Dinner. (Why should a minor matter like sexual orientation deter the Ogler-in-Chief?)

But for all Mr. Nicholson's prominence as the leader of one of our two major political parties, his off-Disney-message remarks were ignored by most of the press. In post-media-merger America, a handful of entertainment conglomerates have more clout than any Washington blowhard, and last week the Mouse ruled. It shaped and drove the culture's agenda with an awesome force that drowned out even the gaggle of Presidents pushing volunteerism in Philadelphia — though one star of Disney's "Ellen" promotion, Oprah, performed a cameo in that show, too.

You may feel, as I do, that Ms. DeGeneres's coming out is a good thing — a small but real advance for gay integration into American life — and still be alarmed by how Disney promoted it. By the time "Ellen" aired, I felt so bludgeoned by the hard sell that I found myself in rare sympathy with conservative whiners who constantly bemoan their oppression by the liberal media.

> 'Ellen' was only half the story.

Disney has always been a master at selling its products — as it should be — but "Ellen" was the first time we've seen the post-merger, newly ABC-enhanced Disney flex its full synergistic muscle. What this means is not only an "Ellen" Disney theme-park attraction — "Ellen's Energy Adventure," at Epcot — but also the enlistment of ABC's network news division into pushing the parent company's entertainment product.

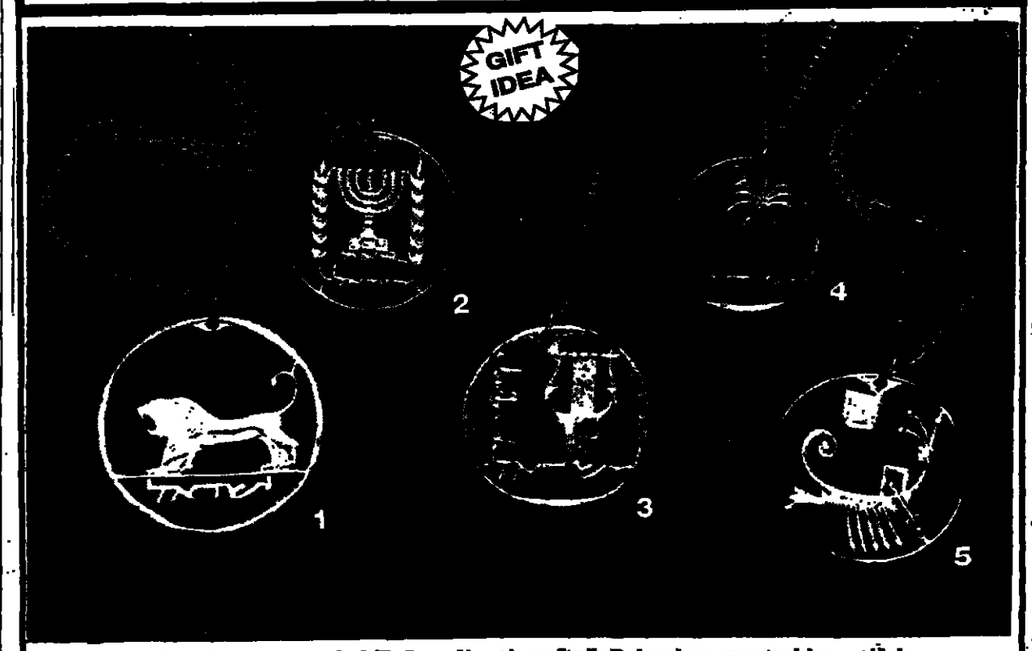
The "Ellen" episode's promotion as news began the week before with an interview with Ms. DeGeneres on "20/20" that was mainly newsworthy for Diane Sawyer's peculiar insistence on dressing just like her subject. By E-Day, "World News Tonight" was doing its bit with two lesbian tie-in stories. After the episode itself (replete with gags cross-plugging Disneyland and "Nightline") came another ABC news magazine, "Prime Time Live," with more Sawyer/DeGeneres; the "news" of this second installment, it quickly became clear, was carefully orchestrated to promote the *next* "Ellen" episode.

Much as we might mourn the demeaning of ABC's once-No. 1 news operation, there are bigger issues at stake. For all the talk of the "Ellen" breakthrough, real questions the story raised about the status of gay Americans were ignored, lest they detract from the celebratory, self-congratulatory sales pitch.

In 41 states, a woman like Ellen who comes out at work can be legally fired for her homosexuality — a fact highlighted in a Human Rights Campaign public-service spot that the ABC network, with stunning hypocrisy, refused to air. (Some affiliates were braver.) And the fascinating question of why an openly gay couple like Ms. DeGeneres and Ms. Heche earn the smiles of everyone from President Clinton to Nielsen households with an ease unlikely to be duplicated for a pair of publicly cuddling male Hollywood celebrities was swept under the rug (or into the closet) in almost all the "Ellen" coverage. That many straight Americans, especially men, find lesbians titillating even as they deplore or are threatened by male homosexuality was the big unspoken, unexamined subtext of the entire "Ellen" circus, including the coming-out episode, which caricatured its gay male character as it did not its gay women.

But media power, not gay power or its limits, is the real story here. Much as I may applaud "Ellen," I keep wondering how I'd feel if it had been Rupert Murdoch's news-and-entertainment empire, not Disney's, pushing the synergistic levers so relentlessly last week and if it had been a Newt, not an Ellen, who had been so successfully sold. □

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THE ARTS

Look Ma, No Pixels: Plastic Triumphs on the Movie Set

By JAMES RYAN

LOS ANGELES

"BUBBLES UP! Action!" the director said. The actor Jason Patric, trailed by two camera operators in wet suits, began thrashing waist-deep through a submerged corridor as the water rose around him. The movie was "Speed II: Cruise Control," and Mr. Patric, portraying a passenger on a runaway cruise liner, was trying to find a missing girl before the leaking vessel tangoed with an oil tanker.

The director, Jan De Bont, looked on with Joseph Nemec 3d, the production designer, from the edge of an enormous, musty indoor tank on the former MGM lot where Esther Williams once did the backstroke.

Between takes, Mr. Nemec put on a wet suit and jumped into the tank to see if there was any damage to the set, caused by what appeared to be the rising water. Actually, the set of the corridor, made mostly of painted plywood, was built in the tank on a hydraulic platform that lowered the actors into the water, giving the effect that the water was rising.

Mr. Nemec's concerns on this day were nothing compared with those he had a few months earlier, while shooting the movie's biggest stunt on St. Martin in the Caribbean. There he constructed two dozen colonial-style buildings capable of withstanding a hurricane and then designed a 300-ton battering ram shaped like the prow of a cruise ship to knock them down.

Despite the amazing feats of computer wizardry that give so many action movies their thrills, despite the usefulness of computer-generated imagery (C.G.I.) in landing asteroids on Texas and alien spaceships on the White House, many directors feel that nothing looks better on film — or is more fun to shoot — than a physical stunt.

Many of the big effects that will be seen in forthcoming summer movies like "Speed 2," "Titanic," "Con Air," "The Lost World: Jurassic Park" and "Batman and Robin" will be achieved the old-fashioned way: with



Christine Loss/Warner Brothers

George Clooney, left, and Chris O'Donnell in "Batman and Robin" — "You've got to build something fantastic," the director says.

plywood and plastic, elevators, cables, pumps and actual three-dimensional Batmobiles, pachycephalosauruses and cruise ships. When you're going to destroy a colonial village with a boat, it turns out, computer imagery just won't do the job.

Star power having proved unreliable, movie studios are increasingly depending upon the Big Wow to draw jaded audiences into the multiplex. The responsibility for creating that must-see movie stunt rests with the engineers of summer: the special-effects gurus, production designers, art directors and monster makers. And it is up to them to help determine whether a stunt should be done by computer or done for real.

In this digital age, many moviegoers assume that most special effects are computer generated. In fact, movie makers typically rely on traditional cinematic techniques that are merely linked or enhanced by virtual imagery. (The prow of the ship in "Speed II," for example, was welded to the rest of a cruise ship by computer imagery.)

Even a movie as digitally advanced as "The Lost World," Steven Spielberg's much-anticipated sequel to "Jurassic Park," relies on computer-generated imagery for only one-third of its visual effects. The rest of the images require life-size props and animatronic puppets, some as tall as 40 feet. They were created by the monster expert Stan Winston, who claims that he has not always received the credit he deserves.

"There was so much excitement over the C.G.I. in the first movie, I felt ripped off," said Mr. Winston, who notes that viewers of "Jurassic Park" were awed by images they thought had been done on computers but in fact had been done with robots.

Moviegoers demanding even more the second time around should not be disappointed. Mr. Winston's computerized robots have evolved by leaps and bounds in the three short years since they were introduced as voracious velociraptors and T. rex's.

"During 'Jurassic Park' we were afraid people would be doubled over laughing when they saw the dinosaurs, so we couldn't take too many risks," recalls Michael Latieri, the special effects supervisor for "The Lost World." "Now that we know people react well to them, Steven wanted these dinosaurs in impossible situations." For instance, now that they can be more carefully controlled, the dinobots have been used a lot closer to human beings.

Because of cost reductions, a library of existing templates and improvements in robotic technology, Mr. Latieri's crew achieved roughly four times as many special effects for roughly the same production budget that the first film had. ("Jurassic Park" cost $60 million; "The Lost World" will cost $74 million.)

Even the most talented dino robot has its limitations, however. Any time you see a T. rex running or a velociraptor jumping, what you are probably seeing is a computer-generated image.

Modern movie making has become a playground for the imagination. "If you think it, you can do it," said Joel Schumacher, the director of "Batman and Robin." "But you've got to build something fantastic."

In his case, that meant using the Spruce Goose Dome in Long Beach, Calif., an enormous production facility that offered 65 feet of vertical space and room to build an expanded and improved Batcave. The new metallic and high-tech Batcave comes with an elevating garage housing the re-engineered Batmobile.

"OUR BIGGEST PROBlem in the Batworld is height," said Peter Macgregor-Scott, the film's producer. "Our sets are very high. Batman has to fly."

But sometimes even the space of a Spruce Goose Dome isn't sufficient.

"We can't run the Batmobile here," Mr. Schumacher said. "It goes 180 miles per hour, and if we started it up on the sound stage it would go through the wall." The Batmobile, therefore, had to do its tricks outdoors.

The biggest set of the year, of course, was for James Cameron's "Titanic," the most expensive event movie in history, costing in excess of $180 million, and a movie whose opening date even last week was being shifted from the July 4 weekend to later in the month. (The movie's cost — and thus the risk — is being borne by two studios, Paramount and 20th Century Fox.)

Although additional computerized effects shots were being blamed for the delays, Mr. Cameron used live footage for most of the movie. He not only shot film two and a half miles below the surface at the real Titanic wreck but also used a brand-new 40-acre studio, including four indoor sound stages and a giant outdoor tank, on the coast of Baja California. There Mr. Cameron's crew built a $6 million, 775-foot-long, 2,000-ton plywood and plastic mock-up of the ship.

The mock-up, in two pieces, towers above an eight-acre artificial pond flooded with 17 million gallons of sea water. To make the ship look as if it is sailing on the ocean, which is just across the beach, the tank is "lip-less." That is to say, sea water pours over the oceanside edge of the tank, so that from a distance the eye cannot discern where the tank ends and the ocean begins.

To replicate the final minutes of the tragedy, when the Titanic's rear section was standing on end, a separate poop deck was mounted on a hydraulic, cantilevered outdoor stage that could be tilted at varying angles. Cabin flooding sequences were shot in a neighboring indoor pond, referred to as the kiddie pool, which nevertheless could easily have handled several simultaneous Olympic swimming events.

From the start Mr. Cameron ruled out using scale models and shooting in front of fake backdrops. Charles Lee, the film's art director, said, "You can't get the dynamics of 250 people screaming down the deck and launching boats into the water with a model."

"Speed 2" cost only a little more than half of what "Titanic" did, but claims the dubious distinction of having the most expensive single stunt ever: the final boat crash. For "Speed 2," Mr. De Bont had to dream up a way to top the runaway bus sequences that turned "Speed" into a hit three years ago. The result was a scene in which a boat plows into a colonial village. Executives at 20th Century Fox loved the idea but were less enamored with the $25 million price tag.

> 'Titanic' made the biggest effects splash of the year, with a 775-foot-long, 2,000-ton mockup of the ship.

"They got a major heart attack," recalls Mr. De Bont. "But at the same time they realized this could make the movie."

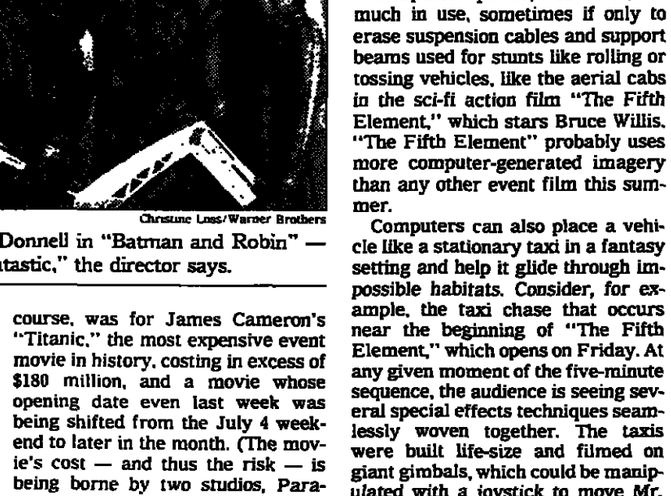
By the time Labor Day comes, Hollywood will have provided a variety of such heavily engineered sights: a C-123 cargo plane that crashes into a Las Vegas casino (in "Con Air"), the Trump Tower of treehouses ("George of the Jungle"), a 23d-century flying taxi ("The Fifth Element"), high-tech laboratories and weapons ("Men in Black") and impressive dinosaur choppers ("The Lost World").

Computer power, however, is much in use, sometimes if only to erase suspension cables and support beams used for stunts like rolling or tossing vehicles, like the aerial cabs in the sci-fi action film "The Fifth Element," which stars Bruce Willis. "The Fifth Element" probably uses more computer-generated imagery than any other event film this summer.

Computers can also place a vehicle like a stationary taxi in a fantasy setting and help it glide through impossible habitats. Consider, for example, the taxi chase that occurs near the beginning of "The Fifth Element," which opens on Friday. At any given moment of the five-minute sequence, the audience is seeing several special effects techniques seamlessly woven together. The taxis were built life-size and filmed on giant gimbals, which could be manipulated with a joystick to move Mr. Willis (the taxi driver) and the car up, down and sideways.

In a typical shot — there were 65 in all — Mr. Willis was filmed in front of a green screen (the background was filled in later). Most of the buildings visible in the foreground were miniatures; computer images were used to complete the background. Additional traffic, the key to giving vitality to the futuristic city, was produced by a combination of miniatures and computer-generated images.

Luc Besson, the film's director, said his goal had been to project the viewer 250 years in the future and to create a cityscape that was "very believable." To do so, he paid a group of nine designers and illustrators to sit in a room for 12 months, imagining every facet of 23d-century life, "down to the last fork and spoon." (One visual joke is the Stop Smoking cigarette dispenser, which allows the taxi driver one cigarette, mostly filter.)



Frank Masi/Touchstone Pictures

A C-123 cargo plane "crashes" in "Con Air" — for the finale, the plane's shell was rolled into a casino that was about to be razed.

Although most of the exterior shots of space stations and future cities in "The Fifth Element" were produced by computers, the interior of the space station's giant concert hall and hotel complex was built on a set at Pinewood Studios near London. And a special team created the advanced weapons that are used throughout the film.

"The ability to bounce back and forth between techniques was key to our work," said Mark Stetson, the visual effects supervisor of Digital Domain, a Venice, Calif., company that worked on "The Fifth Element." "The level of quality and the density of imagery we achieved would not have been possible two or three years ago."

With so many techniques to choose from, special effects decisions become a delicate balance of audience expectations, cost and a director's ego. One reason there are so many scenes shot on big sets this summer is that the current generation of action directors, many of whom have worked directly with cameras, are more eager to operate on a real set. Mr. Schumacher, for example, rose through the ranks of the costume and art departments, Mr. De Bont was a cinematographer, and Mr. Besson still operates his own camera.

"With models and digital effects you have to be very, very precise," said Dan Weil, the production designer for "The Fifth Element." "On a real set you can play with the camera and staging. It gives you much more freedom."

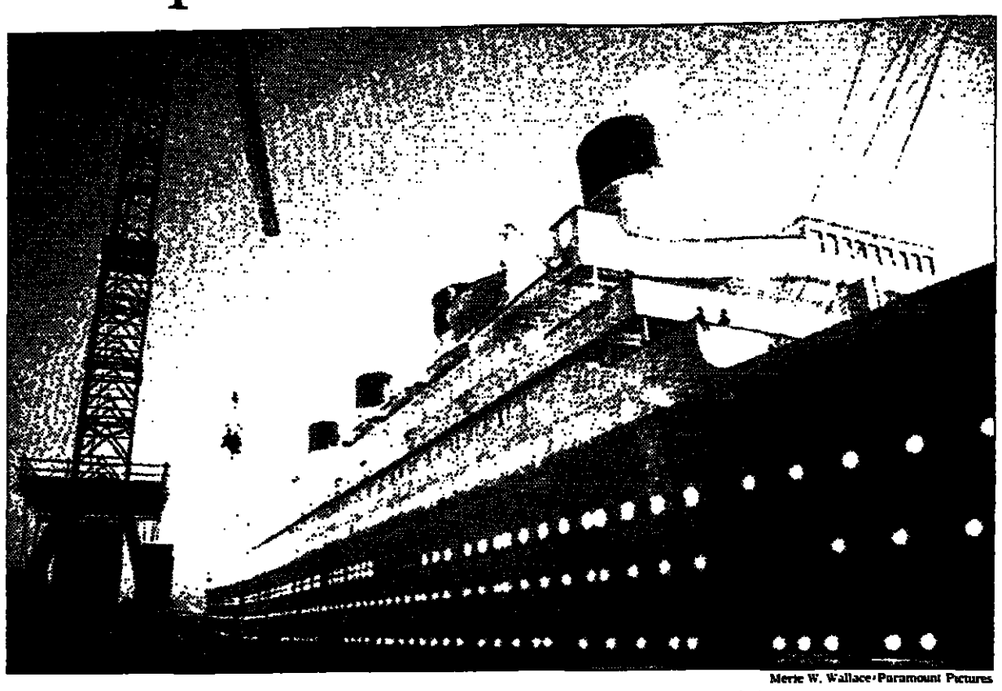
Bo Welch, the production designer of "Men in Black," added: "There's a certain kind of Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey thrill they get out of it. It's like boys playing in a sandbox, only the toys are bigger."

No stranger to big toys is Jerry Bruckheimer, the producer of "Top Gun," "Crimson Tide," "The Rock" and, this summer, "Con Air," the story of a hijacked prison transport plane that features more crashes and flames than an amateur stock car race. The movie's finale, filmed in much the same way as the boat crash at the end of "Speed 2," includes an emergency landing that grinds to a halt in the main lobby of the Sands Hotel and Casino, now defunct, in Las Vegas.

The original script called for the scene to take place on the White House lawn, but Mr. Bruckheimer said the movie needed something more "colorful."

The stunt in "Con Air," however, was accomplished for a fraction of what was spent on the crash in "Speed 2." Rather than build a set from the ground up or create a virtual casino on a computer, Mr. Bruckheimer used a real one. He learned that developers were planning to demolish the Sands anyway, and arranged to rent it before that for the film. His crew then located the shell of a retired C-123 and mounted it onto the chassis of a bus, which ran along a short rail and into the front entrance of the building. Cost-conscious Disney executives were no doubt overjoyed.

"Chances were, we would have had to build a whole facade," said Mr. Bruckheimer, whose film cost "only" $75 million. "We ended up being one of the cheaper action movies out there." □

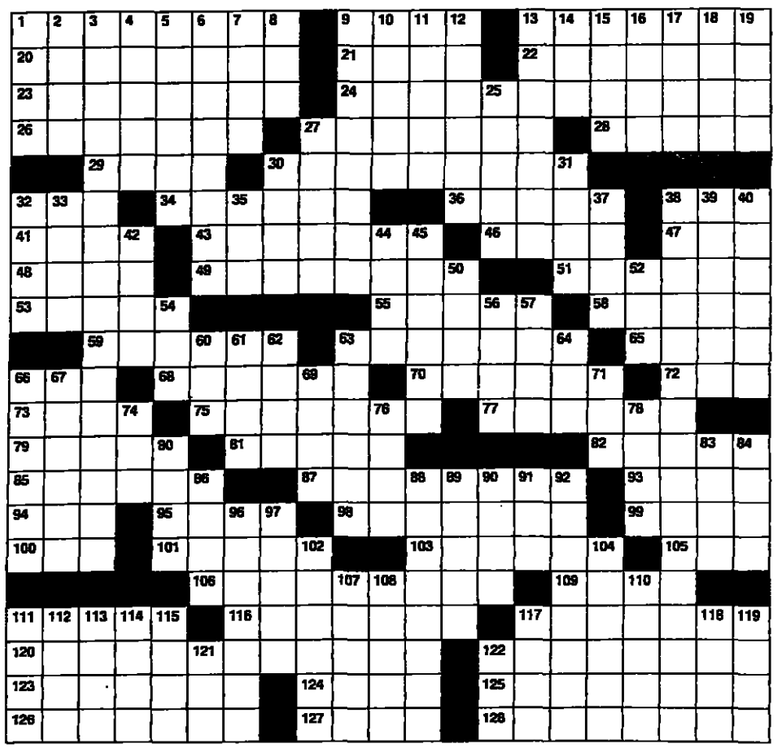


Merrie W. Wallace•Paramount Pictures

The doomed liner "Titanic" in a tank in Mexico — Small scale models were ruled out.

LOCATION IS EVERYTHING

BY MANNY NOSOWSKY / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ



ACROSS

1 Pod used in cooking
9 Fish usually caught in the winter
13 Was upset and then some
20 "Enemies, A Love Story" actress
21 De —— hotel
22 Prismatic, as a stone
23 Stubborn
24 Early comic writer
26 Without means of support?
27 With 30-Across, where to find a snowcap
28 Symphonic poem inventor
29 Big snowfall
30 See 27-Across
32 One way to get things down
34 Like Jack
36 They roll on a Rolls
38 Old White House moniker
41 Flake off
43 Nice 'n Easy maker
46 Northern capital
47 Friend for Rover or Fido
48 Mad as a hornet
49 Lose forward momentum
51 Jack Mercer supplied his voice
53 Kind of personality
55 With 63-Across, pretty good
58 "—— coffee?"
59 African ranger
63 See 55-Across
65 "—— It Kinda Fun" (1945 song)
66 PBS supplier
68 Most blue?
70 Gil Blas's creator
72 Emergency room cases, for short
73 "—— joy keep you" (start of a Sandburg poem)
75 See 81-Across
77 Arrive, but just barely
79 Kick up —— (complain)
81 With 75-Across, unmentionables
82 Jack
85 Sharp-toothed creatures
87 Vegan morsels
93 Way up a hill
94 Prior to, poetically
95 Warm, so to speak
98 Livestock feed
99 Medley
100 French surname start
101 "I've heard enough!"
103 Some speech sounds
105 Ll.'s inferior
106 See 116-Across
109 Lecherlike
111 Drops
116 With 106-Across, phrase said with a sneer
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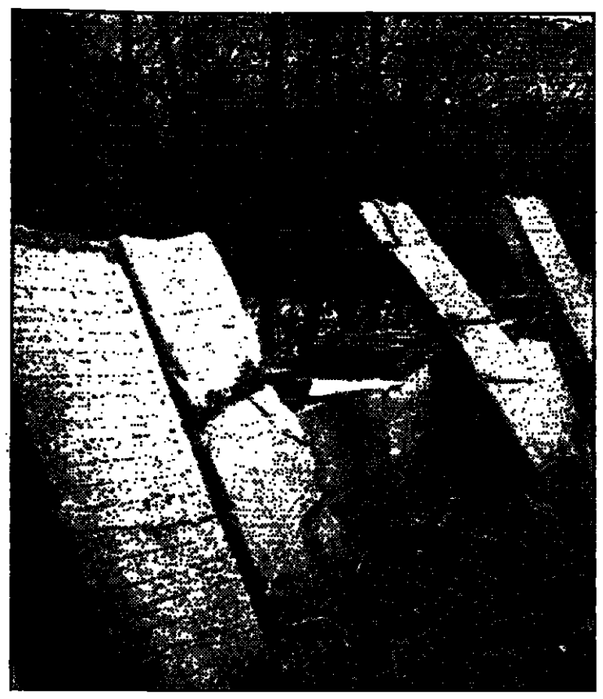
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3 See 67-Down
4 Saint in Brazil
5 Had to do with
6 Some bands
7 British isles
8 Tampa-to-Jacksonville dir.
9 Wounds with words
10 Wounds
11 Words to live by
12 Democrat's opponent?
13 Astaire and Rogers, e.g.
14 O.K.'d: Abbr.
15 Willy Wonka creator
16 Jai ——
17 Platy propellers
18 Don Juan's mother
19 Feeler
25 Onetime Olympics host
27 North of Virginia
30 Book after Amos: Abbr.
31 Pound sound
32 Call to attention
33 Hello, of sorts
35 Year in Edward the Confessor's reign
37 Fire damage
38 See 39-Down
39 With 38-Down, almost positive
40 Puts forth
42 Judge to be
44 King Harald's father
45 Actionable statements
50 Opening for a dermatologist
52 Linguist Mario
54 Classified information?
56 Mantel piece
57 Cousin of "Omigod!"
60 Parenthesis, essentially
61 Oner
62 Many years
63 NATO capital
64 Oriole's origin
66 Allegedly at fault
67 With 3-Down, features of some ads
69 F.C.C. concerns: Abbr.
71 Comics cry
74 Gray of "Gray's Manual of Botany"
76 Jocular suffix
78 "—— each life . . ."
80 In —— (harmonious)
83 Puffed up
84 God offended by Daphnis
86 Clothes line
88 Take the grand prize
89 "The Bell Jar" writer
90 Uncomplicated
91 —— Khan
92 Gets rid of, as stock
96 "Who'll volunteer?"
97 It's added to the bill
102 Colored
104 Parlor piece
107 Some Canadian fliers
108 Actor Conrad of old films
110 "If I —— betting man . . ."
111 Halls of music
112 Skirt style
113 —— uproar
114 Knight fight
115 Clockmaker Thomas
117 French department or river
118 Out of action
119 Proof of ownership
121 Shepherd's setting
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Rabka's forgotten 'school of terror'

Rabka, where Nazi 'pupils' learned how to torture, murder and bury Jews without a trace, has been all but forgotten by Holocaust historians, Alexander Zvielli writes



Jewish tombstones used for paving the courtyard of the terror school at the Polish resort of Rabka. (Andrzej Pogonowski)

Rabka, a once delightful Polish spa and holiday resort, situated south of Cracow and in the foothills of the Carpathian mountains, failed to make it into the Martin Gilbert's monumental *Atlas of the Holocaust*.

It is also hardly ever mentioned by other Holocaust scholars. And yet this small town was recognized by the official German Restitution Organization as a site of a concentration camp and a "School for Murder" where Nazi "pupils" were offered practical education on how to rob, torture, murder and bury their Jewish victims.

Nazi "educators" realized that there was a difference between spontaneous robberies and massacres and a profitable, well-planned massive extermination program.

Professionals were needed to replace amateurs, many of whom stole and hid valuables, or even broke under pressure. The establishment of Rabka's SS "School for Murder" was thus aimed at training such much-needed experts.

Rabka's extensive holiday-resort facilities were replaced by a large Wehrmacht convalescent center.

A former four-story high school for girls was taken over to house this new SS facility. A black flag, and a huge sign marked the establishment of an official SS, SD and Security Police School in General Government.

The school taught that all the talk about the sanctity of life was a deceptive Jewish invention. Jewish victims, snatched off Rabka's streets, picked up from their homes, or brought from the neighborhood served as convenient guinea pigs to prove this theory.

Rabka's entire Jewish community was liquidated in the summer of 1942, but the school found enough victims to continue training.

Under German occupation Rabka's few hundred Jewish families were joined by thousands of refugees who mistakenly expected to find food and security there, or who had been expelled from Austria, Germany and western Poland. There was therefore a steady supply of guinea pigs for the school's laboratories in the immediate vicinity.

The school was under the command of an SS officer called Rosenbaum, a sadist carefully chosen for his cruelty and prejudices. At first he exploited Jewish slave labor in the construction of the school's shooting range and parade grounds, which were paved with stones taken from the local Jewish cemetery.

The school was headed by a SS officer whose specialty was strangling small children. He was sentenced to life imprisonment in 1968, but released on 'health grounds' 15 years later.

At a later stage orders were given for Jews to dig huge pits for "air defense shelters" which ultimately became their mass graves. Barbaric beating and starvation was the norm. Jewish victims were often seen marching to work with open wounds. They were starved, housed in former stables under terrible sanitary conditions. The aim was to disgust the "pupils" by their victims' inhuman appearance.

During the "lessons," murder went on unhindered. Hundreds of Jewish victims shot by firing squad, strangled or starved to death perished without trace. Soon the school's fame spread terror throughout the land.

The school trained troops of the infamous Einsatzgruppen operational base in the nearby Zakopane. It usually trained 500 volunteers in a single crack course. One of Rabka's teachers was the notorious SS Captain Kruger responsible for the Lvov, Stanislawow and Kiev massacres.

MAREK GOLDFINGER, who was born and educated in Rabka and lived close to the school, is one of the few remaining witnesses.

Goldfinger, who narrowly escaped to Cracow and was freed from Buchenwald in April 1945, now lives in London. He has devoted his life to reconstructing the history and tragedy of Rabka's Jewish community.

He writes that once Rosenbaum found that there was a Jewish family in Rabka bearing the same name, he had them all executed. Rosenbaum, whose specialty was to strangle small children, was sentenced to life imprisonment in Hamburg on August 18, 1968. He was released "on health grounds" 15 years later.

Today the "school" building, which was renovated after the war, houses a girls' high school. In part of the building, Polish Catholic Sisters of Mercy take care of blind and retarded children.

There is no monument to the victims who were murdered at Rabka and buried in mass graves in the nearby forest. A recent visitor to the school reported that some of the old Jewish tombstones – used to pave the school courtyard – have still not been returned to the Jewish cemetery from which they were plundered.

Earthly Concerns and Home Front will reappear in two weeks.

Denying the undeniable

As one of the most powerful documents of the Holocaust, Anne Frank's diary has also become the target of Holocaust deniers, Allison Kaplan Sommer reports



Anne Frank: One publication by Holocaust deniers in Sweden depicts the diary in a pornographic manner.

It seems hard to believe that something as intimate and personal as the journal of a teenage girl has become the most powerful document of the Holocaust. But few today can deny that over the decades since its publication, *The Diary of Anne Frank* has made more people across the world aware of the tragedy that befell the Jewish people in this century than any other single item.

But the very qualities that have made the diary such a powerful document of the Holocaust have also made it a favorite target for Holocaust deniers. It is sad but inevitable, contends Tel Aviv University's Dr. Dina Porat, that the transformation of one Holocaust victim into such a phenomenon would draw the attention of those who deny the Holocaust.

The diary has been translated into 52 languages – it is a required book on the Japanese high-school curriculum; it has been adapted into many stage productions and screenplays, become the focus of a museum and a foundation, and an exhibition that travels the world continuously.

If any other evidence is needed of enduring interest in Anne Frank, it is the fact that only last year, an Academy Award was given to a documentary on her life and the diary that describes how she and her family lived hidden with other Jews in an Amsterdam attic for more than two years. She has become so famous that she and her story have come to symbolize not only the injustice and tragedy to which antisemitism can lead, but also a rallying cry against racism of all forms.

"The reason it has become so popular is that it does not describe any horrors," explains Porat, who heads TAU's Project for the Study of Antisemitism. "True, it is the story of eight people living in a hiding place for two years and it was not easy. They suffered, but this was no ghetto, and no concentration camp. Anyone can identify with the experience. It is human, it is bearable, it does not take a huge effort to understand it or to identify with it, like other Holocaust books or memoirs, which require deeper involvement and effort. There are no Germans, no Nazis, and no camps in the diary."

Many revisionists have found ways to attack the authenticity of Anne's diary and the details of her short life.

Because it ends at the point when her family was forced out of hiding, it does not include stories of ghettos or concentration camps, a point that deniers use to claim that systematic murder of Jews did not occur. Others go further and contend that the diary is a forgery concocted by her father, Otto Frank. Frank published the diary after receiving it from Miep Gies, a family friend, who collected it from the Franks' Amsterdam hiding place after the family was taken away.

ONE OF the points they seize on is the fact that over the years, several versions of the diary have been released. "There are a number of reasons for this," Porat explains. "Firstly, Anne wrote in her diary from when she was 13 years old until she was 15, from 1942 until 1944. In 1944, she heard on the radio a recommendation that all documents and diaries relating to the Nazi oppression should be well kept and well hidden because they would be used as evidence in war criminal trials."

This apparently made an impression on Anne, and she began to view her diary as a historical document. "So she decided to make changes in her own diary. She took the original, she copied parts and changed parts. She had grown up over those two years and she was a talented girl. But deniers point to the changes as evidence that it is not authentic," Porat says.

They also exploit the fact that when Otto Frank initially prepared the diary for publication just after the war, he took out portions that troubled him, in which Anne describes her sexual awakening, and in which she sharply criticized her mother, who had since died in Auschwitz.

Holocaust deniers have relentlessly accused Otto Frank of revising and changing the diary, despite the fact that whenever they were challenged in court, they lost. Even the recent publication of the definitive, thick, annotated *Diary of Anne Frank: The Critical Edition* has not silenced them.

Porat says that there is nary a Holocaust denier who does not take a crack at Anne Frank's diary, some in more crass ways than others: One particularly horrendous case in Sweden she describes involves the publication of a pamphlet last year, depicting the diary in a pornographic manner with grotesque cartoons of presumed escapades in the Amsterdam hiding place.

Porat conducted the research on Anne Frank in the context of her work on antisemitism and is delivering a lecture on the subject Wednesday at a ceremony to inaugurate the Alfred P. Slaner Chair in Antisemitism and Racism at Tel Aviv University.

PORAT'S WORK involves researching the claims of the deniers and refuting them. Unlike historian Deborah Lipstadt, author of *Denying the Holocaust: The Growing Assault on Truth and Memory*, Porat does not worry that her work brings more attention to those who deny the Holocaust, and that refuting their claims bestows upon them a form of legitimization.

"Deborah Lipstadt must worry about this more than I do because she lives and works in the United States," she replies. "As an Israeli, I know the local audience will take my work seriously and I do not need to worry about raising awareness of the deniers."

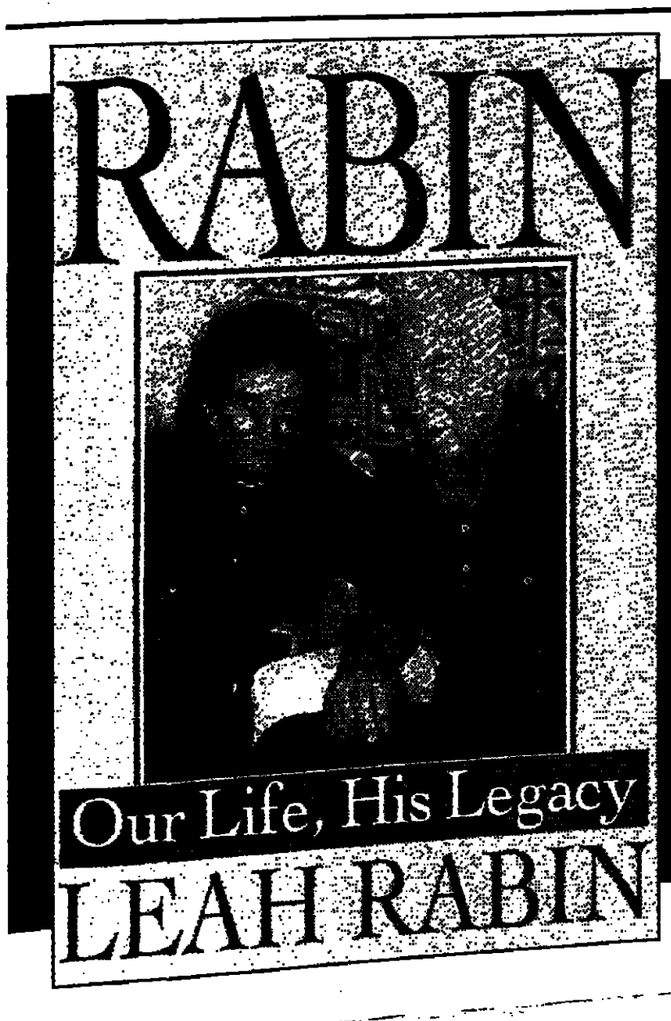
One reason the Anne Frank diary has become so popular is the sense it conveys that Anne forgives those at whose hands she fell victim when she died of typhus in Bergen-Belsen just before the end of the war.

Both the play and the Hollywood version of her story end with the quote, "I still believe that people are good at heart."

Porat sees this as a false "untimely forgiveness: she wrote this before she was taken to Auschwitz and Bergen Belsen.

"One wonders if she would write the same thing afterwards. It is too easy a forgiveness. This is not a reaction to the Holocaust because when writing it, Anne Frank did not experience the Holocaust."

It is also likely that the aspiring writer would not be able to forgive those who would deny the authenticity of the one great literary document which she managed to leave behind.



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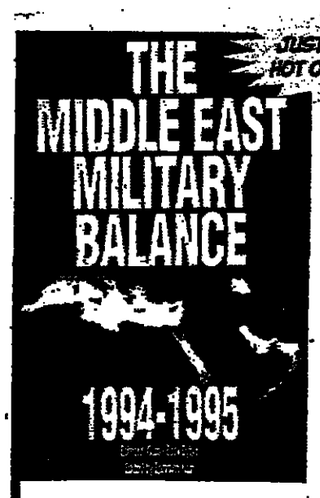
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BUSINESS

in brief

Iscar, Indian Air Force mull partnership

Nahariya-based cutting-tool manufacturer Iscar is negotiating with New Delhi for a partnership with the Indian Air Force's blade factory, company president Eitan Wertheimer confirmed yesterday.

Icar plans to purchase a 50-percent stake in the plant, which is a division within India's privatization-slated aircraft industries. Iscar recently signed an agreement with Larsen & Toubro to establish a factory in India for processing tools. According to initial estimates, the factory will be set up at a $5 million investment.

Orna Raviv, Globes

Meridor travels to Hungary tomorrow

Finance Minister Dan Meridor flies to Hungary tomorrow for a formal visit at the invitation of his counterpart in Budapest, Peter Mdgyessy. During his visit, the two are expected to sign an updated version of the 1991 agreement protecting bilateral investments.

While in Hungary, Meridor is scheduled to meet the country's prime minister, foreign minister, minister with responsibility for privatization and central bank governor. Accompanying Meridor will be businessmen from the high-tech, banking and real estate sectors.

David Harris

State revenues stagnant in first four months of '97

Meridor, Netanyahu fail to decide on added budget cut

By DAVID HARRIS and Jerusalem Post Staff

State revenues totalled NIS 35.3 billion in the first four months of the year, a figure which after adjustments indicates that the government's tax returns remained the same from the parallel period last year, according to Finance Ministry figures published yesterday.

The data was released as Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Finance Minister Dan Meridor were holding the latest in their series of meetings to discuss the possibility of an additional cut in public spending.

The two, whom before Pessah met three times on this matter together with Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel, were unable to reach agreement on whether to make a budget cut and if so by how much.

Yesterday's data will be worrying to Meridor, who is aware that the major budgetary problem is the ongoing shortfall between predicted revenues and those actually collected. Meridor is believed to favor an additional NIS 1b. cut, in addition to the NIS 7.2b. cut which was included in the current year's fiscal plan.

However, even if he may share Meridor's attitude in theory, Netanyahu might ultimately prove to be in no position to actually adopt it, since in the aftermath of the Bar-On Affair he is likely to avoid the kind of frontal clashes with various ministers which an additional budget cut would inevitably involve.

Bearing in mind that inflation is already creeping above the government-set 7%-10% target and that unemployment is also on the rise, the two stressed that they believe the best way to maintain their initial targets for the economy and to prevent a slide into recession is by keeping the budget deficit at 2.8% of gross domestic product.

These comments may have indicated that the two still favor an additional budget cut.

Several senior Treasury officials are advising Meridor against a budget cut.





Finance Minister Dan Meridor (left) and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu are determined to keep the budget deficit at 2.8% of gross domestic product. (Ariel Jerozolimski)

The budget surpluses of the previous two months have given further fuel to their argument that Meridor should wait another month or two before making a decision.

April's budget showed a NIS 472 million surplus, after a NIS 200m. surplus in February, with a 1997 overall NIS 30m. budget deficit.

Earlier in the year, Meridor said he would make his decision about a possible cut in spending after publication of the figures for the first quarter.

Between January and April, the Income Tax Commission and the Property Tax department collected NIS 19.6b., up 3% after adjustments on the first third in 1996.

This comprised an 11% increase in income tax, but a 27% decrease in property tax collected. The Customs and VAT department received NIS 14.9b., down 10% after adjustments.

During April, 9,625 vehicles were brought into the country, down 4% on the same month last year. Since the start of the year that figure is some 8% lower.

Following the same trend over the first four months, television sets were down 38% and videos 5%. However, there were increases in imports of refrigerators by 8%, dishwashers 3% and washing machines 2%.

ILA rejects planned land reform

By Jerusalem Post Staff

The Israel Lands Administration's board of directors yesterday rejected the Ronnen Committee's recommendation on land reform, the National Infrastructure Ministry said. The report, which is a blueprint for comprehensive measures aimed at accelerating land privatization and vastly expanding the supply of commercial real estate, was rejected by nine participants, while the eight others at hand supported it.

The report's opponents, according to Israel Radio, were mainly representatives of the Jewish National Fund, who contend that Israeli soil should generally continue to be owned by the Jewish people collectively, as it has been until now.

The JNF, though directly in charge of only 17 percent of national soil, nevertheless owns large parts of real estate in top-market locations, including downtown Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa.

Two ILA directors, the representatives of the Treasury and the Interior Ministry, did not show up for the meeting. They were expected to support the report's endorsement.

Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon – the driving force behind the report – said he will bring it for a renewed vote next week, saying he is determined to see the Ronnen recommendation fully endorsed. At the same time, Sharon and Agriculture Minister Raphael Eitan agreed their respective ministries would jointly explore the report's implications to the farming sector, and exclude from next week's vote those parts of the Ronnen report which pertain to the conversion of agricultural land into residential real estate.

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Necessary application forms and documents - written in Hebrew - including the Procedure for Sale of the State Shares (above-mentioned and hereinafter: "the Sale Procedure"), may be purchased as of Sunday, April 13,1997 from Mr. Ofer Termechi, Government Companies Authority, 1 Kaplan St., 7th floor, Room 722, Jerusalem (hereinafter: "the Government Companies Authority Offices"), Tel. 02-5317449; Fax. 02-5611680, for a sum of NIS 500 (which shall not be refunded), payable by a bankers cheque to the Ministry of Finance - the Accountant General.

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US Dollar	NIS 3.4100
Sterling	NIS 5.4836
Mark	NIS 1.9805

COMMODITIES ROUNDUP

May Day calms precious metals activity

By MICHAEL ZWEBNER

COMEX and NYMEX precious metals futures ended lower Friday, on light volumes, with gold market activity dampened by the May Day holiday in Europe on Thursday and the UK bank holiday.

The gold price in Australian dollars slid to $432.00 an ounce last week, its lowest level in more than 10 years.

Gold prices received little support Friday from US jobs data for April, even though US bond yields moved lower on the news.

Gold prices have tended to be inversely correlated with real interest rates recently. The US April unemployment rate fell to 4.9 percent, a 23 year low.

The June contract ended down 10 cents at $341.60 per troy ounce. May silver closed down 3.80 cents at 468.60 cents per troy ounce. June high-grade copper was up 35 cents at 110.90 cents per pound.

Platinum and palladium were both lower on Friday. Russia appeared to still be no nearer to signing a decree that would allow Moscow to negotiate with the Japanese over the supply of platinum group metals for 1997, analysts said, though news of a resumption of supplies may lead to a sell off in the PGM complex.

June palladium closed at $156.90 per troy ounce – down 10 cents and July platinum ended down $3.00 at $371.10 per troy ounce.

Oil prices lost ground for the second day in a row on Friday as rising crude supplies and the end of seasonal refinery maintenance got the better of demand increases. Dealers said a slump in the fortunes of the US gasoline market triggered Friday's losses.

Heating oil prices also fell sharply in the US and Europe. The June light crude oil future closed down 31 cents at $19.60 per barrel. June heating oil ended down 1.31 cents at 53.02 cents per gallon.

Refineries in the Western world underwent heavy repair work early in the year, cutting supplies of petroleum products. But plants are reaching full capacity again now, cutting profit margins.

US gasoline demand in the approach to the peak summer driving season remains key to the short-term future of the oil markets, and traders so far have been sitting on the fence on how demand will pan out.

June unleaded gasoline closed down 2.11 cents at 60.52 cents per gallon. *CommStock*

US unemployment rate sinks to 24-year low

By JOHN M. BERRY

WASHINGTON – The remarkable US economic expansion entered its seventh year last month in a state that seemed to many experts and ordinary Americans almost too good to be true: an economy growing at its highest rate in a decade, wages outpacing low inflation and a jobless rate continuing to fall.

The Labor Department added the latest good news Friday when it reported an unemployment rate of just 4.9 percent in April, the lowest level since 1973.

"Today's employment report also shows that inflationary forces remain in check," said White House economist Janet Yellen. "With earnings growth at 3.6% over the last 12 months, we are well within that lucky range where workers are receiving well-deserved real wage increases, but there are still no signs of inflationary pressures."

Reflecting this happy state of affairs, the University of Michigan's measure of consumer sentiment last month hit its highest point since the 1960s. Economists continue to be surprised by how well the economy has performed and how this late in a period of expansion, growth could reach a 5.6% annual rate – as it was reported earlier this week to have done in the first three months of this year – without causing inflation to surge.

"If I had told my colleagues three or four years ago that as of today, we would have flat or declining inflation indicators and unemployment edging under 5%, they would have said, 'you are smoking pot, and not for medical reasons,'" economist Charles Schultze of the Brookings Institution said.

Moreover, Schultze and other economists agree the economy is giving no hint that the expansion is about to fizzle.

Nevertheless, the low unemployment rate could put added pressure on the Federal Reserve to raise short-term interest rates – as it did by a quarter-percentage point in March – when its policy-makers meet May 20, analysts said. Fed officials are concerned that tight labor markets could lead to higher inflation later this year.

On the other hand, some Fed officials expect economic growth to taper off beginning this quarter, and with so much positive inflation news at hand, they might decide to leave rates unchanged, other analysts argued. For instance, in the first three months of the year, consumer prices rose at only a 1.8% annual rate, and at a 2.4% rate excluding volatile food and energy prices.

Strong growth during 1996 and so far this year has not only provided nearly 3.5 million added payroll jobs and large increases in corporate profits, it has also caused government tax revenues to soar at the federal, state and local levels.

For example, the federal deficit for the fiscal year ending September 30 now appears headed for $70 billion to $75b., down from $107b. last year and $144b. two years ago.

Meanwhile, many regions that had been economically depressed for years, such as parts of southern Ohio and southwestern Pennsylvania, have begun to prosper once more.

According to the Labor Department report, joblessness fell last month to 4.9% from 5.2% in March among all workers, and it declined among groups of all ages, races and origins. Just over 6.7 million people were still looking for work but unable to find it, while 129.4 million held jobs. More than 7.1 million had been unemployed the month before.

There were also 4.4 million workers who had part-time work who would have preferred to work full-time. Nearly 3.8 million workers held more than one job, and for nearly half of them, one of the jobs was full-time. (The Washington Post)



Chinese dam project

Wang Xianru, deputy director of the Yellow River Water and Hydropower Development Corp., explains construction of the Xiaolangdi Dam on China's Yellow River at the project's site in central Henan province. The $4.17 billion project aims to put a halt to centuries of deadly floods. (Reuter)

TASE ROUNDUP

Family feud jabs Israel Co. shares

Mishtanim	Maof
259.40 ▲ 1.38%	268.90 ▲ 1.20%

By FELICE MARANZ

Stock indexes rose yesterday for a third day, despite sharp losses for the Israel Corp. and Israel Chemicals, after the Finance Ministry announced a higher-than-expected budget surplus in April and after local companies rose in US trading.

After trading closed on Thursday, the Finance Ministry said Israel's budget surplus was NIS 472 million in the month. Companies rising in Tel Aviv after gaining on Wall Street included Koor Industries Ltd., Teva Pharmaceutical Industries and Nice Systems Ltd.

The Maof Index of 25 issues rose 1.20 percent to 268.90 and the Mishtanim Index of 100 issues increased 1.38% to 259.40.

The general bond index rose 0.16%.

Israeli companies were boosted as the Nasdaq Composite Index logged its best one-week gain in more than nine years, buoyed by computer and networking stocks.

Sixty-one companies with their headquarters in Israel trade shares on Nasdaq.

"Interesting things are happening in the US," said Jonathan Half, vice president at Tel Aviv's Oscar Gruss Ltd. "There's strength in stocks that rose on Wall Street."

Additionally, declining a government deficit means the government will sell fewer bonds, resulting in lower yields, said Asher Sela, a portfolio manager at Tel Aviv firm Etgar Ltd. Lower bonds yields make stocks relatively attractive investments.

Of 949 shares trading across the exchange, nearly three times as many shares rose as fell. Some NIS 115.6m. worth of shares changed hands, NIS16.7m. above Thursday's level.

American depositary receipts of Nice, which makes voice-logging systems, rose to 23 1/8 on Friday from 21 1/4 on Wednesday, the last day of trading in New York to influence shares in Tel Aviv before the Israeli weekend. Nice rose 8.25% in Tel Aviv.

Nice gained amid speculations "it will report good earnings," said Half.

Teva, the country's largest drug-maker, rose 3.25%. Teva's ADRs rose to 51 7/8 Friday from 50 3/4 Wednesday.

Teva said on Thursday it received approval from the US Food and Drug Administration to make Trazodone, a generic anti-depressant.

Koor, which produces 7% of Israel's industrial output, rose to 17 3/4 Friday from 17 3/8 Wednesday. Koor's shares in Tel Aviv rose 2%.

Shares in Israel Corp. Issue 1 fell 6.25% after news reports of squabbling between the heirs of Shoul Eisenberg, the entrepreneur who controlled the company. Eisenberg died in March.

Israel Chemicals Ltd., also controlled by Israel Corp., fell 3%.

ICL subsidiaries fell, with Dead Sea Works Ltd. declining 0.25% and Dead Sea Bromine falling 0.5%.

Israel Corp is one of country's major holding companies with investments in more than 80 leading firms.

The Eisenberg Group is involved in international projects in iron and steel, electricity generation, utilities, cement, edible oils, chemicals, textiles, shipbuilding, agriculture and water management.

Makhteshim Chemical Works rose 1.25% after Salomon Brothers reiterated a "strong buy" rating for the company. Makhteshim subsidiary Agan Chemical Works rose 2.5%.

Banks mainly rose, led by Israel Discount Bank, which jumped 3.75%.

Israel Discount Bank, the country's third biggest bank, may have risen as foreign investors felt that it was relatively cheaply priced compared to Israel's other large banks, said Sela.

Bank Hapaolim, the country's biggest bank, rose 0.5% and Bank Leumi rose 0.75%. First International Bank fell 0.5%.

State-owned phone company Bezeq Ltd. rose 1%. (Bloomberg)

Report: Iran on brink of energy crisis

TEHRAN (AP) – Iran could face an energy crisis if domestic energy consumption is not curbed, a leading Iranian newspaper was quoted as saying by the Islamic Republic News Agency.

"As a result of excessive domestic consumption, the country's massive investments in the energy sector are wasted," the English-language *Iran News* said in an editorial yesterday.

"We are simply not making proper use of our oil and gas reserves ... [and] we have to achieve a non-oil-based economy in the future if we are not to face an energy crisis," it said.

The daily, which has close links to the Foreign Ministry, advocated refining more of Iran's crude oil domestically and exporting the value-added products.

The newspaper also stressed the importance of conservation.

Over the past two years, some Iranian officials have voiced concern that Iran could use up its reserves in as little as 20 years if consumption continues unchecked.

Iran is believed to use 1.1 million barrels a day.

Iran is the second-largest oil producer inside the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, with a production quota of 3.6 million barrels a day.

Iran's gas reserves – estimated at 700 trillion cubic feet – are among the largest in the world.

California to sue BankAmerica for bond mismanagement

By ADAM ENTOUS

SAN FRANCISCO (Reuter) – California's attorney-general was preparing over the weekend a lawsuit against BankAmerica Corp., the nation's third largest bank, alleging it mismanaged state municipal bond funds, state sources said.

The state lawsuit – which would be similar to the one brought earlier this week by the city of San Francisco – could be filed as early as today, the sources said.

Given the bank's role as trustee for billions of dollars of state and local municipal bond funds, the damages in a statewide lawsuit could be in the hundreds of millions of dollars, sources said.

Attorney-General Dan Lungren's office, which acknowledged this week that it was investigating BankAmerica, declined to comment on its litigation plans.

BankAmerica spokesman John Keane said he could not comment on any state action.

He said the bank does not believe its financial exposure would be "material," and added that bondholders were in no way at risk.

Last Thursday, San Francisco sued BankAmerica and its unit, Bank of America, alleging they mishandled hundreds of millions of dollars of bond funds and engaged in a massive cover-up.

San Francisco's lawsuit – seeking at least $12 million in damages – alleged that Bank of America, acting as a trustee, mishandled bond funds issued for low-income housing, schools, fire protection and other public works.

BankAmerica said San Francisco's claims were "short on reality." The bank said its Institutional Trust Department unintentionally overcharged the city and other issuers for trust services and retained some funds.

The bank said it discovered the overcharge errors on its own and voluntarily refunded over $5m. to its customers.

If additional overcharges occurred, the bank said it would reimburse any claims that could be substantiated.

San Francisco's lawsuit was based on a so-called "whistleblower" complaint filed under seal in April 1995 by Patrick Stull, a former vice president for corporate trust at Bank of America.

The "whistleblower" complaint was sent to the state attorney general's office, which in turn passed it along to many local governments.

According to court documents filed by San Francisco, the office of the attorney-general and San Francisco city attorneys, with the assistance of Stull, conducted their own investigations of the charges.

The investigation centered on Bank of America's Institutional Trust Department, which it sold in 1995.

The department acted as trustee for municipal bonds issued by San Francisco and other governments.

For San Francisco alone, it handled more than $3 billion of bonds between 1985 and 1995.

The investigation concluded that Bank of America "had knowingly and systematically submitted and conspired to submit false claims to customers and knowingly withheld and conspired to withhold funds which should have been returned to customers," the San Francisco documents showed.

Observers said it was ironic that California would take on BankAmerica, the state's largest bank and one of its largest private employers.

One state official described the dispute as a "lover's spat" given the long-standing relationship between the bank, San Francisco and state government.

In the 1930s, the bank stepped in to buy the bonds to complete construction of San Francisco's world-famous Golden Gate Bridge when few other buyers were interested.

In the summer of 1994, California turned to Bank of America to help raise billions of dollars to pay the state's bills and finance its budget deficit during California's worst recession since the 1930s.

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Ackerstein Ind.	422.0	4.5
Africa Hotels	460.0	0.7
Africa Israel 0.1	22685.0	-0.7
Africa Israel 1	166868.0	-2.9
Africa Israel Hotels Bond A	0.0	0.0
Agan	6986.0	2.5
Agan	3406.0	4.0
Agis	4578.0	5.5
Azorim	550.0	0.7
Bank Leumi 0.1	2450.0	0.2
Baran	865.0	1.1
Bezeq	3635.0	3.5
Blue Square	2922.0	-0.5
Bromine	2910.0	0.2
Cantel	10424.0	0.3
Clal Computers	37916.0	1.7
Clal Electronics	1735.0	3.5
Clal Industries	3228.0	4.0
Clal Insurance	1690.0	1.3
Clal Israel 1	102.6	4.1
Clal Trade	1254.0	3.0
Cold Storage 5	8271.0	2.7
Dead Sea Works 0.1	7168.0	-0.3
Delek 0.1	10428.0	2.0
Delek Car	743.0	-0.8
Development Mort.	25130.0	1.5
Discount 01	43.5	12.1
Discount Bank	365.0	3.7
Discount Inv.	26105.0	4.6
ElAl 0.003	739.0	3.5
Elbit imaging	2240.0	2.5
Elbit system	3078.0	2.7
Elco	2245.0	-0.5
Electra	146110.0	1.2
Electra Agn	1988.0	3.3
Elite Ind. 5	8786.0	0.3
Elron 0.003	4610.0	3.5
Export Inv.	1320.0	4.5
Fibi 5	50035.0	0.0
Fleischmann 5	47738.0	1.2
First Int'l 1	50865.0	-0.5
First Int'l 5	263597.0	-0.5
Formula	4808.0	-0.5
General Bank	10478.0	2.0
Hapoalim 0.1	715.0	0.6
Harel Mishmar 5	16299.0	0.5
Hevel Mishmar 5	7463.0	3.5
I.D.B. Dev.	7163.0	1.7
I.D.B. Holdings	1680.0	1.3
IDC	508.0	0.2
Ind Bldgs	404.0	-3.1
Israel Chemicals	20686.0	-6.5
Israel Corp. 1	90901.0	-5.3
Israel Corp. 5	4.0	0.0
Isracard	1526.0	3.2
JEC	1894.0	2.5
Kardan 5	461.0	2.0
Kitan	30165.0	2.0
Koor	135.0	0.4
Koor Bond 5	208.0	-1.0
Leumi Insurance	292	0.7
Leumi Mortgage	76558.0	1.3
Lipz	2575.0	0.0
Makhteshim	2170.0	3.5
Malbu 5	4808.0	-4.3
Maritime Bank	1524.0	0.0
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Packer Steel	8203.0	2.8
Partsima	1592.0	2.5
Petrochemicals	2102.0	2.0
Phoenix Ins. 1	4075.0	2.0
Positiv Inv.	13313.0	1.2
Polgat B 4	1069.0	0.5
Prop & Bldg.	26345.0	-0.7
Rogosin	2048.0	1.5
Saf Industries	898.0	1.4
Secom	368.0	3.2
Shekem	114.5	0.3
Supersol	1020.0	1.2
TAP	418.0	-1.0
TAT 5	1741.0	0.6
Tediran	8992.0	-0.4
Tambour	696.0	1.0
Tnuva Computers	5519.0	1.5
Telehot	237984.0	2.1
Tnuza Industrial	148.0	3.2
Teva	17889.0	0.0
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SPORTS

in brief

Reports: Klinsmann set to return to Spurs

LONDON (Reuter) – German international Juergen Klinsmann is set to return to English premier league Tottenham, the club he quit two seasons ago, according to reports in British Sunday newspapers.

The *Sunday Mirror* said Klinsmann was ready to sign a two-year deal which would also involve a coaching role.

Klinsmann walked out on the London club amid considerable acrimony after just one season in order to return home to play for Bayern Munich.

The *Mirror* quoted club sources as saying Klinsmann and Tottenham chairman Alan Sugar have since settled their differences.

"It's the worst kept secret at Spurs that Klinsmann has signed up. Everybody is talking about it at the club and we all know he's been over here in the last week looking for a house," the source said.

Croatian 15-year-old wins tennis title

BOL, Croatia, May 4 (Reuter) - Mirjana Lucic, an unseeded 15-year-old Croatian playing in her first WTA tennis tournament, won the final at her own country's women's Open yesterday.

Lucic, who knocked out top seed Amanda Coetzer of South Africa in straight sets in Saturday's semifinal, beat unseeded American Corina Morariu 7-5, 6-7, 7-6 in the final.

Naseem retains world titles in 93 seconds

MANCHESTER (Reuter) – Prince Naseem Hamed fulfilled his pre-bout promises when he defeated challenger Billy Hardy inside the first round of a WBO and IBF featherweight title fight on Saturday.

Hamed retained his unified World Boxing Organisation (WBO) and International Boxing Federation (IBF) titles when the referee stopped the fight after a farcical one minute and 33 seconds in which the champion twice knocked Hardy to the canvas.

The 32-year-old European champion got to his feet the first time but when he buckled again under the impact of a furious left-right-left from Hamed, referee Paul Thomas called the fight to a halt.

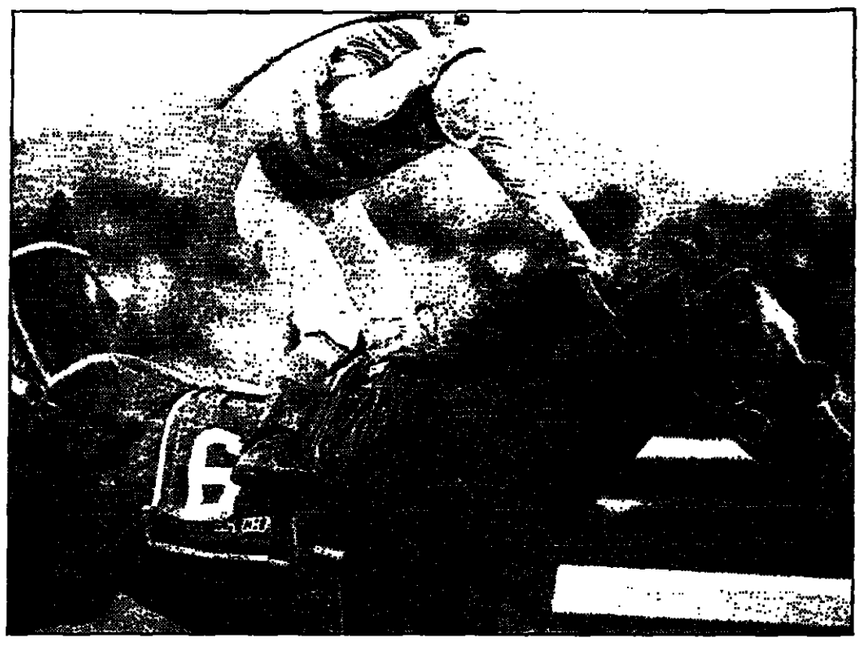
Hamed, who has won 24 of his 26 bouts inside the distance, is now likely to face a much tougher contest against World Boxing Association (WBA) champion Wilfredo Vasquez of Puerto Rico in the US later this year.

Hendry, Doherty in world snooker final

SHEFFIELD (Reuter) – Six-times champion Stephen Hendry of Scotland beat Thai James Wattana 17-13 on Saturday to reach the world snooker championship final.

Hendry is to face Ireland's Ken Doherty in the best-of-35 frames final which started yesterday and finishes today.

Doherty reached his first world championship final 24 hours earlier when he crushed Canadian Alan Robidoux 17-7.



Riding a winner

Jockey Gary Stevens raises his whip after winning the 123rd Kentucky Derby on Silver Charm at Churchill Downs on Saturday. The California-based second choice, held off favored Captain Bodgit to win a stirring duel and the race by a head. (Reuter)

Eisenberg J'lem Open starts today

By ORI LEWIS

The Eisenberg $50,000 Jerusalem Open Challenger tennis tournament begins in Jerusalem today.

The annual event, which is Israel's second-richest tennis tournament has this year attracted a field of players from 16 countries. The seeds are led by India's Leander Paes (102 in the ATP Tour Rankings). South African Kevin Ullyett (155) is seeded second.

Four Israelis – Oren Motevassel (202), Raviv Weidenfeld (252), Eyal Erlich (253) and Nir Welgreen (258) – were direct entries into the main draw, while Ofer Sela managed to qualify, and Noam Behr, Lior Mor and Amir Hadad received wild cards.

An indication as to the strength of the event is the ousting of American Justin Gimelstob (121) from the qualifying event yesterday. Gimelstob, who did not register in time to receive a place in the main draw, was beaten 6-3, 6-3 by Olivier Mutis of France.

The windy, cold conditions yesterday also saw Oscar Ortiz of Mexico and South Africa's Robbie Koenig and Sela clinch a place in the main draw.

Today's first round action begins at 13:00, as does all play during the week. The final on Saturday will be held at 10:30.

Today's first round singles matches: Raviv Weidenfeld v. Amir Hadad; 6-Goichi Motomura (Japan) v. Andrew Richardson (GB); James Sekulov (Australia) v. Laurence Tieleman (Italy); Ivo Hauberger (Switzerland) v. Wayne Black (Zimbabwe); Gianluca Pozzi (Italy) v. Ebran Oral (Turkey); Mose Navarra (Italy) v. 2-Kevin Ullyett (SA).

Philippoussis blasts Corretja away in Munich

MUNICH (AP) – Australia's Mark Philippoussis rode his big serve to his third career title yesterday, blasting Spain's Alex Corretja away at the BMW Open with his favorite weapon.

Philippoussis, the eighth-seed, won his first clay title at the $425,000 event 7-6 (7-3), 1-6, 6-4. He slammed an ace at match point – his fifth in his final two serving games.

"I served fantastic this week – it just got better and better," said Philippoussis, 20, whose 228 kph (137 mph) serve at Scottsdale was the fasted ever recorded.

The world No. 20, added to his titles at Toulouse and Scottsdale, while Corretja lost his second straight final following Monte Carlo last week.

In Prague, France's Cedric Pioline won the second ATP Tour tournament of his career yesterday, beating hometown favorite Bohdan Ulihrach 6-2, 5-7, 7-6 in the Czech Open.

Pioline lost his first nine finals before taking the Copenhagen Open in 1996.

"It was a very difficult match and it could have gone either way so I am happy to win. I hope that I can carry this momentum along and eventually back to Paris for the Open there," Pioline said.

Croatia's Iva Majoli, seeded fourth won the $450,000 German Open in Hamburg yesterday. She beat No. 7 seed Ruxandra Dragomir of Romania 6-3, 6-2 in the final.

Sonics beat Suns in decisive fifth game

SEATTLE (Reuter) – David Wingate and Seattle's trio of All-Stars stepped up in the big game to carry the SuperSonics into the second round of the NBA playoffs with a decisive 116-92 victory over the upstart Phoenix Suns on Saturday.

Wingate scored eight of his playoff career-high 19 points in the fourth quarter to help the defending Western Conference champions avoid an embarrassing first-round exit for the third time in four years.

All-Stars Detlef Schrempf scored 24 points, Shawn Kemp added 21 and Gary Payton 19 for the Sonics, who were forced to win the final two games of the best-of-five series to survive after the Suns took a surprising two games to one lead.

Wingate was the surprise hero, stepping in for injured Nate McMillan and playing one of the best games of his career.

In 21 minutes, Wingate hit 6-of-7 from the field and grabbed 10 rebounds for the Sonics, who went all the way to the NBA Finals last year before falling to the Chicago Bulls.

Seattle advanced to a meeting with the Houston Rockets in the best-of-seven Western Conference semifinals, beginning today.

"There's only two things disappointment and relief in the NBA," said a relieved Karl. "We get to be relieved for about 12 hours and then we got to go to work against Houston."

The Rockets beat Seattle three times during the regular season and will be seeking to avenge a sweep at the hands of the Sonics in last year's conference semifinals.

Celtic keep Rangers waiting

LONDON (AP) – Two goals by Portuguese forward Jorge Cadete and another by Italian midfielder Paolo Di Canio gave Celtic a 3-1 win at Hibernian yesterday and ensured Rangers will have to wait another 24 hours before clinching a record-tying ninth Scottish league title in a row.

Celtic's victory at Easter Road means they can still mathematically catch Rangers, who are six points ahead with two games to play.

But even a Rangers draw with Motherwell today will clinch the championship yet again and be enough to tie Celtic's record, set between 1966 and '74 under coach Jock Stein.

On the final day of the English division one program, an injury time equalizer by Tranmere's Lee Jones prevented champions Bolton from setting a record 100 points.

Bolton led 2-1, reaching 100 goals for the season, until Jones fired the equalizer and Wanderers were left on 98 points.

That was still 18 more than second place Barnsley, who lost 5-1 at Oxford but were still sure of the second automatic promotion spot.

The playoffs for the third promotion place will be Wolves-Crystal Palace and Ipswich-Sheffield United. The winners of the two games will meet at Wembley May 26 to decide who is promoted to the Premier League along with Bolton and Barnsley.

Nottingham Forest are already relegated from the Premier League after Saturday's 1-1 draw with Wimbledon. But the other two places won't be decided until the Premier League program ends next weekend. Middlesbrough and Coventry are currently in the drop zone but can still escape.

After yesterday's division one games, Grimsby joined Southend and Oldham as the three teams relegated to division two, despite beating Southend 4-0. Bradford, one place above Grimsby, ensured safety by downing Queens Park Rangers 3-0.

Yesterday's British soccer results: Division One: Bradford 3, Queens Park Rangers 0; Charlton 0, Sheffield United 0; Crystal Palace 1, Port Vale 1; Grimsby 4, Southend 0; Huddersfield 0, Swindon 0; Ipswich 1, Birmingham 1; Oldham 3, Norwich 0; Oxford United 5, Barnsley 1; Stoke 2, West Bromwich Albion 1; Tranmere 2, Bolton 2; Wolves 0, Portsmouth 1.

Scottish Premier Division: Hibernian 1, Celtic 3.

DIVISION ONE final standings

	P	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Pts
ch-Bolton	46	26	14	4	100	53	98
p-Barnsley	46	22	14	10	76	55	80
po-Wolves	46	22	10	14	68	51	76
po-Ipswich	46	20	14	12	68	50	74
po-Sheff United	46	20	13	13	75	52	73
po-Crystal Palace	46	19	14	13	73	49	71
Portsmouth	46	20	8	18	59	53	68
Port Vale	46	17	16	13	58	55	67
QPR	46	18	12	16	64	60	66
Birmingham	46	17	15	14	52	48	66
Tranmere	46	17	14	15	63	56	65
Stoke	46	18	10	18	51	57	64
Norwich	46	17	12	17	63	68	63
Manchester City	46	17	10	19	59	60	61
Charlton	46	16	11	19	52	66	59
West Brom	46	14	15	17	68	72	57
Oxford United	46	16	9	21	64	68	57
Reading	46	15	12	19	56	67	57
Swindon	46	15	9	22	52	71	54
Huddersfield	46	13	15	18	48	61	54
Bradford	46	12	12	22	47	72	48
r-Grimsby	46	11	13	22	60	81	46
r-Oldham	46	10	13	23	51	66	43
r-Southend	46	8	15	23	42	86	39

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

Rangers	33	24	5	4	85	28	77
Celtic	34	22	5	7	75	32	71
Dundee United	34	17	9	8	48	29	60
Hearts	35	13	10	12	43	42	49
Dunfermline	35	12	8	15	50	63	44
Aberdeen	35	10	13	12	44	53	43
Hibernian	35	9	10	16	37	54	37
Kilmarnock	34	11	4	19	40	60	37
Motherwell	34	8	10	16	40	53	34
r-Raith	35	6	6	23	28	72	24

Flyers rally to take 1-0 lead over Sabres

BUFFALO, NY (AP) – Shjon Podein scored with 48 seconds left in the third period as Philadelphia overcame a two-goal deficit to beat Buffalo on Saturday night in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference semifinals.

Game 2 will be played here tonight.

Rod Brind'Amour tied the game midway through the third period and completed the scoring on an empty-netter with just six seconds left.

Podein scored the game-winner when he grabbed the puck from behind the Buffalo net and stuffed it between Steve Shields' legs as the Sabres goalie moved across the crease.

Brind'Amour's first goal brought the Flyers back from a 3-1 deficit when he got a cross-ice pass from Dale Hawerchuk and beat Shields between the legs.

Michal Grosek, Brad May and Donald Audette had Buffalo's goals. Dan Kordic and Mikael Renberg also scored for the Flyers.

Shields, playing for suspended goalie Dominik Hasek, made 42 saves. Philadelphia goalie Garth Snow had 29 saves.

Mets win 6th game in 7 outings

NEW YORK (AP) – Rick Reed pitched seven strong innings and Carlos Baerga went 4-for-4 Saturday, leading New York to a 5-1 win over the St. Louis Cardinals, the Mets' sixth win in seven games.

John Olerud and Todd Hundley added solo homers as the Mets improved to 14-15.

Reed (3-1) gave up one run and six hits before leaving for a pinch-hitter in the seventh. The right-hander struck out six, walked none and actually had his ERA rise from 1.03 to 1.07.

Baerga, who entered the game hitting .181 and had been booed at home during his slow start this season, raised his average to .224 with a pair of doubles and two singles.

St. Louis starter Andy Benes (1-1) allowed three runs and five hits in six innings.

Rockies 7, Phillies 3

In Denver, Jamey Wright pitched seven effective innings for his fourth win and Colorado took advantage of nine walks.

Wright (4-1) allowed four hits in seven innings, struck out four and walked four.

Kevin Stocker had two RBI singles for Philadelphia.

Eric Young and Ellis Burks drove in two runs apiece for Colorado.

Mark Portugal (0-2) took the loss.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Indians 7, Tigers 6

In Cleveland, Sandy Alomar's RBI single with two outs in the ninth lifted the Indians to their 13th straight win over Detroit.

The Tigers have lost 15 straight games at Jacobs Field, and are 1-19 at the ballpark.

Detroit looked like it might end the slide in the ninth when the Tigers took a 6-5 lead on Brian Hunter's RBI single.

But aided by a wild pitch from Doug Brocail (0-3) and a passed ball, the Indians tied it on David Justice's sacrifice fly before Alomar singled just over right fielder Melvin Nievers' glove.

Eric Plunk (1-2), who allowed the Tigers to take the lead in the ninth, picked up the win.

Saturday's NL games: NY Mets 5, St. Louis 1; Colorado 7, Philadelphia 3; Cincinnati 3, San Francisco 1; Pittsburgh 3, Atlanta 0; Chicago Cubs 2, Los Angeles 1; San Diego 1, Montreal 0; Florida 9, Houston 8, 13 innings.

Saturday's AL games: Toronto 6, Minnesota 5; Cleveland 7, Detroit 6; Oakland 4, Baltimore 3; Anaheim 3, Chicago White Sox 2, 1st game; Chicago White Sox 4, Anaheim 2, 2nd game; Kansas City 2, NY Yankees 1; Texas 7, Boston 6; Milwaukee 17, Seattle 4.

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Israel table tennis chief furious at no action against Arab teams

MANCHESTER (AP) – Qatar and Iran said their teams were delayed by traffic while Algeria argued that two of its players were ill.

Their reasons for not playing table tennis world championship matches against Israel were accepted by a tournament jury yesterday but they far from satisfied the Israeli team.

All three failed to show for team matches against Israel last week and the Israelis, convinced their motives were political, demanded some kind of punishment.

Team leader Aaron Goldenberg said the jury's decision not to take action against the three Arab nation teams was "scandalous and unbelieveable."

All three countries claimed they had no objection to competing against Israel.

Qatar was reported to offered as a reason that its team were delayed by traffic, Iran that the 14-mile distance of the hotel made them late, and Algeria that two of its players were ill.

The jury, headed by Yao Zhenxu of China, accepted the explanation, prompting Goldenberg to reply: "It is hard to believe that a group of intelligent gentlemen believes the stories." Goldenberg's letter to the President of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF), Xu Yinsheng, also alleged that the three countries "(aren't) even brave to declare that they cannot play because of political reasons against Israel, but instead tell unbelievable stories which were accepted by you." Goldenberg also repeated the Israeli demand that sanctions be exercised against these three teams. The ITTF, whose jury spent deveral days investigating the matter, is unlikely to comply.

SCOREBOARD

CRICKET – West Indies beat India by 10 wickets in the fourth and final one-day international at Kensington Oval in Bridgetown, Barbados on Saturday.
Scores: India 199-7 (50 overs), West Indies 200-0 (44.4).
West Indies won the series 3-1.

AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL – Weekend results of sixth-round matches: Sydney Swans 21.16 (142) def. Carlton 11.17 (83); St. Kilda 17.19 (121) def. Melbourne 4.11 (35); Port Adelaide 19.8 (122) def. Richmond 8.10 (58); North Melbourne 16.7 (103) def. Hawthorn 14.9 (93); Essendon 15.12 (102) def. Brisbane Lions 9.17 (71); Collingwood 13.6 (84) def. Adelaide Crows 11.17 (83); Geelong 14.13 (97) def. Fremantle 6.7 (43); Western Bulldogs 17.11 (113) def. West Coast Eagles 14.15 (99).

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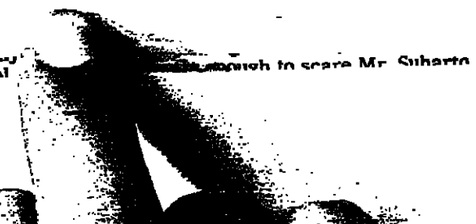
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CRITIC'S CHOICE

THEATER

HELEN KAYE

Playwright/director Hillel Mittelpunkt scores with a complex, funny, sad story of life in a Negev town. His new play is *Gan Eden Darom* ("Paradise South"), and has a great cast including the scene-stealing Aharon Almog as Dolfi, owner of the Gan Eden cafe. Also memorable are Gedalia Besser, Assy Levy, Adi Lev and Mati Seri. Opens tonight on the Beit Lessin stage at 8:30. (Hebrew)

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Sharon Rostorf, Larissa Tatuev and Svetlana Babajanov join the Israel Sinfonietta Beersheba for a Three Sopranos concert featuring arias from some of the most popular operas in the repertoire, including *La Forza del Destino*, *Aida*, *Rigoletto* and *La Traviata* by Verdi, *La Boheme*, *Turandot*, *Madama Butterfly* and *Manon Lescaut* by Puccini, *Norma* and *I Puritani* by Bellini, *La Wally* by Catalani, *Adriana Lecouvreur* by Cilea, *Lucia di Lammermoor* by Donizetti and others. Leonti Wolf is on the podium. Tonight and Thursday in Beersheba and Wednesday in Ashkelon.

The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra continues to present Bellini's masterpiece *Norma*. Pinchas Steinberg is on the podium in this concert performance of a poignant and fiery love affair which concludes in double suicide. Alessandra Marc is the Druid priestess who followed her heart and betrayed her own people by bearing two children to the Roman proconsul Pollione (Alberto Cupido). Barbara Dever is Adalgisa. Tomorrow, Thursday and May 13 at the Haifa Auditorium (8:30), with further performances May 15 and 18 in Tel Aviv and May 21 in Jerusalem.

The Paul Ben-Haim Music Competition, in which young Israeli musicians play Israeli compositions, takes place tomorrow through Friday (8 a.m.-6 p.m. daily) at the Einav Center in Tel Aviv.

TELEVISION

ELANA CHIPMAN

This week should be a celebration for any sophisticated film-lover. Second Showing on Channel 6 is screening Krzysztof Kieslowski's *Trois Couleurs* trilogy, based on the tricolor of the French flag and the motto of the French republic - "Liberté, Egalité, Fraternité." Tonight at 11:25 is part 2, *White*, with the theme of equality, which follows the life of a Polish exile in Paris who rebuilds his life after being dumped by his wife. Tomorrow night at 11:30 is *Red*, on fraternity, the third part of the trilogy in which a pretty, young model invades the life of an embittered old judge. Finally, on Wednesday night at 11:25 is part 1 of the trilogy, *Blue*, on the theme of liberty, which looks at how a woman rebuilds her life after her family is killed in a car accident.

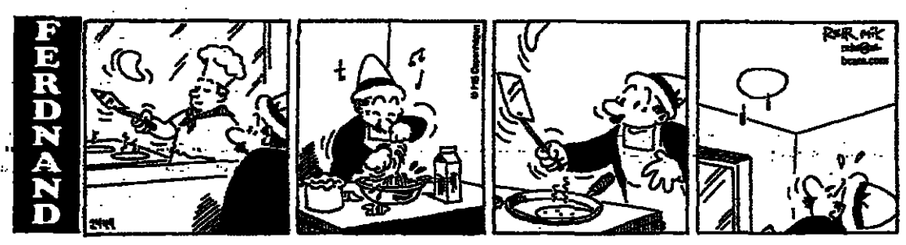


Soprano Sharon Rostorf joins the Israel Sinfonietta Beersheba tonight and Thursday.

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

★★★FIERCE CREATURES – This all-too-accurate spoof of corporate take-over culture is set in an English zoo, reunites the cast of *A Fish Called Wanda*, and works just as a follow-up comedy should: instead of confining the actors to repetition of a few tried-and-true shticks, the filmmakers trust in the ensemble's chemistry, and set them loose to try on new roles. The strength of both pictures lies in John Cleese's script – he wrote the new movie with film critic Iain Johnstone – and in the actors' complementary personalities. While *Fierce Creatures* does seem a bit tamer than the first movie, it's also marked by flashes of mad inspiration. With Cleese, Kevin Kline, Jamie Lee Curtis and Michael Palin. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance suggested.)



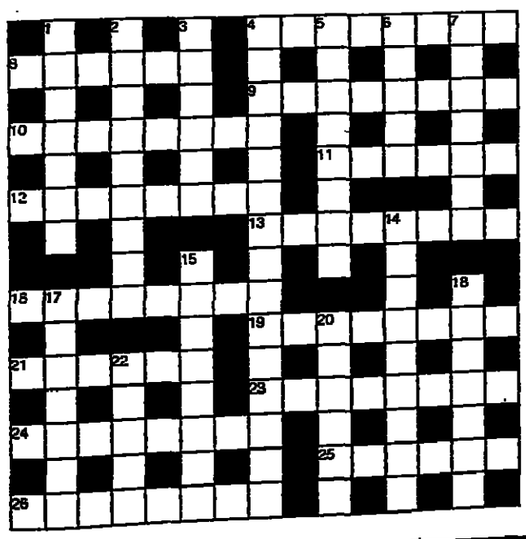
CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS

4 Anxious, can rework most of it differently (8)
8 Vocal exchange by Oriental in the recess (6)
9 Nothing consumed on island first that had not been developed (8)
10 Likely to blow one's top (8)
11 *Notable message* (6)
12 Succession of queens involved with the church (8)
13 Giving an amusing touch (8)
16 Sound attempt by Annie struggling with cycles (8)
19 Virginia goes with Georgia, agent for a tramp! (8)
21 Unwell in the front of the ship—because of this wave (6)
23 Accommodating countrywoman? (8)
24 Passed said mutton, I followed with beef (8)
25 Grading of scrap metal included (6)
26 Exercises Len arranged with zip in an airship! (8)

DOWN

1 Everybody has finished the hurdle-race (3,4)
2 Study where golf is played in a large open space (9)
3 Put pressure on unproductive one endlessly (4,2)
4 One might be in it before one's in or after one's out (7,8)
5 Crowd plunder the hiker's bag (8)
6 Right opposite (5)
7 Keep Rex in to do some more exercises (7)
14 Left one with power a financial obligation (9)
15 Get larger drink (8)
17 Engineers going over one entrance in Surrey (7)
18 Andy with one other painkiller (7)
20 Landowners attempt to get information first (6)
22 Having had a lot to drink, started smoking (3,2)



SOLUTIONS

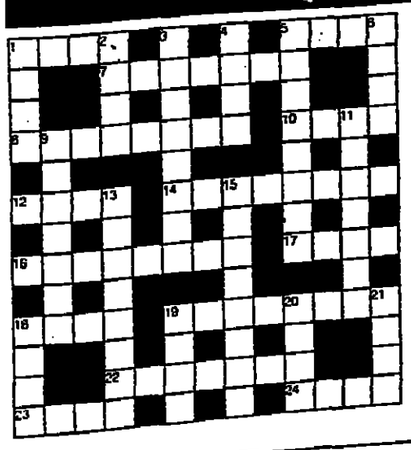


Yesterday's Quick Solution

ACROSS: 1 Finds, 4 Thyme, 10 Cheaper, 11 Lasso, 12 Tasks, 13 Elevate, 15 Idle, 17 Smite, 19 Abbey, 22 Else, 25 Coucede, 27 Start, 29 Right, 30 Rooster, 31 Adorn, 32 Angry.

DOWN: 2 Ideas, 3 Deposit, 5 Halve, 6 Massage, 7 Acute, 8 Cruel, 9 Money, 14 Lease, 16 Dead, 18 Managed, 20 Samoon, 21 Score, 23 Tears, 24 Stare, 26 Eater, 28 After.

QUICK CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1 Draw into the mouth (4)
5 Old local rate (4)
7 More agile (7)
8 Game of solitaire (8)
10 Boiled pudding (4)
12 Narcotic (4)
14 Repaid (8)
16 Collie (8)
17 Orient (4)
18 Machine-gun (4)
19 Motherly (8)
22 Change of abode (7)
23 Clownish (4)
24 Jerk (4)

DOWN

1 Retail outlet (4)
2 Door handle (4)
3 Damaged (8)
4 Ran away (4)
5 Belief (8)
6 Foam (4)
9 Hearing range (7)
11 Faeries (anag) (7)
13 Verdure (8)
15 Exile (8)
18 Egyptian canal (4)
19 Operatic heroine (4)
20 Depend on (4)
21 Be deficient (4)

TV

■ CHANNEL 1

8:30 News flash
6:31 News in Arabic
6:45 Exercise Time
7:00 Good Morning Israel

■ EDUCATIONAL TV
Holocaust Documentaries

8:00 Land of my Birth (French, 1995) – about poet Henryk Greenberg to his native village in Poland
8:50 I Was Not an Orphan – about Prof. Shlomo Breznitz, who was hidden in a Slovakian monastery
9:15 The "Har Va-Gai" School Delegation to Poland
9:45 Reading Directions – studying the Holocaust in schools outside of Israel
10:15 I Didn't Know Where I Was Going – Holocaust survivors describe how the Nazi occupation changed their childhood
10:45 Who Counted Them? – documentary about the fate of Romanian Jewry
11:05 Children Remember the Holocaust
11:50 Family Secret (1995) – Belgian Jewish children reunite with the gentile families that sheltered them
12:45 The Question of Holocaust Denial
13:15 One Woman: The Story of Miriam Akavia
14:00 Art and Remembrance (1993) – about artist Felix Nussbaum
14:30 The Story of a House – how children hidden in monasteries were brought to the Italian Alps to recover

■ CHANNEL 1

15:10 New Land – drama about two orphaned Holocaust survivors who arrive in Israel soon after the establishment of the state and suffer great difficulty in leaving the past behind them and becoming "real" Israelis
16:59 A New Evening
17:34 Yad Vashem Youth Gathering – live broadcast. This year's theme: The Child during the Holocaust
18:15 News in English
ARABIC PROGRAMS
18:30 The Holocaust – documentary about the fate of European Jewry from 1933, composed of archival footage and stills
19:00 News
HEBREW PROGRAMS
19:30 News flash
19:31 I Search for My Brothers
20:00 News
20:45 Shtetl (1996) – Documentary about the life and death of a Polish shtetl, including interviews with inhabitants' descendants
22:15 A Different Drummer – cultural magazine
23:00 Fantasy for the Piano – selections from Aliza Olmert's play about a Holocaust survivor who returns to her village in Poland 50 years later to buy back her piano, with *documentary footage* filmed in Poland especially for this program
23:30 News
00:00 Verse of the Day

■ CHANNEL 2

6:15 Today's Programs
6:30 From the Concert Hall
7:00 Breakfast Magazine
9:00 Meetings
10:00 The Shop on Main Street (Czech, 1965) – the relationship between an elderly Jewish widow and a poor Slovak during the Nazi occupation
12:00 The Pope, the Jews and the Nazis – documentary about Pius XII and the Catholic Church's behavior during the Holocaust
13:00 Open Cards
14:00 Everything's Open
14:30 Hidden Children – documentary
15:00 Anne Frank Remembered (1995) – Oscar-winning documentary about the life and death of Anne Frank. Narrated by Kenneth Branagh, diary read by Glenn Close.
17:00 News
17:30 The Hell: Transnistria – documentary about the fate of Romanian Jewry
18:15 The Birkenau Boys – the true story of a group of Jewish teenagers who survived 1944 in Auschwitz-Birkenau and were liberated by the Red Army
19:15 The Man from Hispin – a Holocaust survivor living in the Golan devotes his life to bringing youth to Poland
20:00 News
20:30 Daddy Come to the Luna Park – documentary about actor Shmuel Vilozny's visit to Poland together with his father, a Holocaust survivor
22:15 The House on Carroll Street (1988) – a woman who has just lost her job due to McCarthy's witch-hunts stumbles on a strange plot to smuggle Nazi war criminals into the United States as refugees from Communism. With Kelly McGillis and Jeff Daniels. Directed by Peter Yates.
00:00 News
00:05 The House on Carroll Street – continued
00:20 Return to Auschwitz – the IPO's historic tour of Poland in 1987
1:00 On the Edge of the Shelf

■ JORDAN TV
(unconfirmed)

14:00 Holy Koran
14:05 Captain Planet
14:30 The Flintstones
15:00 French programs
16:00 Nature's Inventions
16:50 Ocean Girl
17:00 Extra Dimensions
18:00 French programs
19:30 News headlines
19:35 One Foot in the Grave
20:00 Discover Magazine
20:30 Murder She Wrote
21:10 Highlander
22:00 News in English
22:25 Under Suspicion
23:15 Middlemarch

■ MIDDLE EAST TV

7:00 TV Shop
14:30 The 700 Club
15:00 Gerbert
15:30 Dennis the Menace
16:00 Larry King
17:00 Family Challenge
17:45 Beakman's World
18:10 Perfect Strangers
18:35 Saved by the Bell
19:00 Showbiz
19:30 World News Tonight
20:00 Cosby
20:25 Mr. Bean
20:50 Major Dad
21:15 Diagnosis Murder
22:05 Matlock
23:00 CNN
23:30 The 700 Club
00:00 Quantum Shopping

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■ ITV 3 (33)

16:00 Panorama
16:30 Adventures and Challenges
17:30 Schindler: The List of Life – documentary
18:20 Letters from There – letters home written by high-school students visiting Poland
20:00 News
20:45 The Battle of Neretva (1971) – epic spectacle about the Nazi invasion of Yugoslavia in 1943 and the partisans' battle against them. With Yul Brynner, Curt Jurgens and Franco Nero. Directed by Veljko Bulajic.
22:30 Genocide (1980) – award-winning documentary featuring interviews with Holocaust survivors. Narrated by Elizabeth Taylor and Orson Welles.

■ ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Holocaust Denial – a real problem or a marginal phenomenon?
16:00 Death of Hitler – documentary reconstructing Hitler's final days
18:00 A Salonikan Name in Auschwitz – Holocaust survivors originally from Salonika travel with their children to the Greek city they grew up in and then to the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp
19:00 Paradise in Hell – documentary about Jews who survived the Holocaust by being taken prisoner by the Finnish army
20:00 A New Evening
20:30 Hi-Tech Culture
21:00 Star Trek: Deep Space 9
21:45 Situation – documentary series
22:45 Female Perspective
23:15 Revolutions in the Modern Era

■ FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

9:15 Testimonies (Hebrew, 1997) – ten personal testimonies of Holocaust survivors, together with drawings by children in the ghettos
9:55 Oskar Schindler, They Call him Father Courage (German, 1975) – rediscovered documentary on the life of the man who saved many Jews during WWII
10:50 To Speak the Unspeakable, The Message of Elie Wiesel (rpt)
12:35 A Day in October (1992) – drama about a Jewish girl and a resistance fighter in Nazi-occupied Copenhagen
14:15 And Hanna'le Said: To Die on a Beautiful Day Like This? (1997) (rpt)
15:10 The Last Seven Months of Anne Frank (Dutch, 1988) – chilling documentary which, through the testimony of Holocaust survivors, reconstructs the last months in Anne Frank's life, after she was caught by Nazis
16:25 Curing by Killing (Hebrew, 1996) – documentary on the Nazi system of euthanasia
18:00 Local Broadcast
18:30 Liberation (1994) – British-made reconstruction of the liberation of the Nazi death camps
19:45 The Hidden Children (1995) – t children torn from their families during WWII
20:35 Lapidankner (rpt)
21:05 The Other Woman (1995) – a woman copes with terminal illness
22:35 Love Story with Yossi Siyas
23:00 Friends (rpt)
23:35 E.R. (rpt)
00:15 ENG Newsroom
1:05 Barnaby Jones

■ MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

Joint broadcasts with Family Channel
20:40 Experience-Preferred... but Not Essential (1983) – British comedy
22:00 Ladybird, Ladybird (1994) – tearjerker about a woman whose children are taken away by the welfare authorities and whose happiness is denied again and again
23:45 Dead Solid Perfect (1988) – comedy. With Randy Quaid
1:25 Double Cross (1994) – thriller. A new man in town crashes into a beautiful seductress and begins an affair with her, but then he learns she is about to frame him for murder. With Patrick Bergin and Kelly Preston

■ CHILDREN (5)

6:30 Cartoons
9:00 Secret of the White Bear (rpt)
9:30 Brown Bear's Wedding (rpt)
9:50 The Little Bear
10:15 Classic Fairy Tales
10:55 Anne Frank's Way – with Michal Yanai (rpt)
11:35 Max Glick (rpt)
12:15 Little House on the Prairie (rpt)
13:00 Brave Little Toaster – animation
14:35 Alice in Wonderland
15:00 Holocaust Remembrance Day interviews
15:15 Classic Fairy Tales
15:50 Holocaust Remembrance Day interviews
16:05 Avigail in Yad Mordechai
16:20 Holocaust Remembrance Day interviews
16:35 Amos in Kibbutz Lohamei Hageta'ot
17:05 Holocaust Remembrance Day interviews
17:20 Anne Frank's Way (rpt)
17:50 Classic Fairy Tales
18:00 The Secret Garden – animation (2 episodes)
19:00 Holocaust Remembrance Day interviews
19:15 Classic Fairy Tales
20:05 Avigail in Yad Mordechai (rpt)
20:35 Amos in Kibbutz Lohamei Hageta'ot
21:20 Anne Frank's *Way (rpt)*
21:50 Classic Fairy Tales

■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Bird of Paradise (1932) – adventure on a South Sea island
23:25 Trois Coleurs: Blanc (French, 1994) – part 2 of Krzysztof Kieslowski's trilogy.

■ CHANNEL 8

6:00 Open University (rpts)
9:10 A Different Journey on a Train (rpt)
10:05 Return to the Warsaw Ghetto (rpt)
11:05 One Survivor Recalls (rpt)
11:55 Shoah: Testimonies for the Future (rpt)
13:05 A Different Journey on a Train (rpt)
14:00 Return to the Warsaw Ghetto (rpt)
15:00 One Survivor Recalls (rpt)
15:50 Shoah: Testimonies for the Future (rpt)
17:00 Open University – Yehudi Menuhin; The Hermitage; New Living Body
19:10 Living Testimony: The Spielberg Project for documenting Holocaust survivors
20:05 Holocaust Remembrance Day panel discussion (rpt)
21:00 Collective Memory – panel discussion on Jewish-Israeli collective memorials and memories
22:20 Goethe and the Ghetto – the life and death in the Holocaust of composer Victor Ullmann who was sent Theresienstadt and created a rich cultural life there with other artists and musicians
23:25 Open University – Archeology; Future Watch; Culture and Marketing

■ SUPER CHANNEL

6:00 Frost's Century
7:00 The Best of The Ticket
7:30 Travel Xpress
8:00 Today
10:00 European Squawk Box
11:00 European Money Wheel
15:30 CNBC Squawk Box (US stocks)
17:00 Interiors by Design
17:30 Gardening by the Yard
18:00 The Site
19:00 National Geographic Television
20:00 The Ticket
20:30 VIP
21:00 Dateline
22:00 NHL Power Week
23:00 The Best of The Tonight Show with Jay Leno
00:00 The Best of Late Night with Conan O'Brien
1:00 The Best of Later
1:30 NBC Nightly News with Tom Brokaw
2:00 The Best of The Tonight Show with Jay Leno
3:00 Internight

■ STAR PLUS

6:30 Nine to Five
7:00 Pierre Franey's Cooking
7:30 Fashion TV
8:00 Charles in Charge
8:30 Oprah Winfrey
9:30 Dynasty
10:30 Santa Barbara
11:30 The Bold and the Beautiful
12:00 Hindi shows.
13:30 Lost in Space
14:30 Black Beauty
15:00 Charles in Charge
15:30 Pierre Franey's Cooking
16:00 Living on the Edge
17:30 Hindi programs
18:30 Star News
19:00 Yes, Minister
19:30 Chicago Hope
20:30 The Bold and the Beautiful
21:00 Santa Barbara
22:00 Star News
22:30 X-Files
23:30 Star Trek
00:30 Vegas
1:30 Oprah Winfrey
2:30 Barnaby Jones

■ CHANNEL 5

20:30 National League Basketball playoffs
22:30 English League Soccer
23:30 Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race

■ EUROSPORT

9:30 Ice Hockey: World Championship (rpt)
10:00 Mountain Bike: World Cup, Hungary
11:00 Soccer: World Cup qualifying rounds (rpt)
13:00 Ice Hockey: World Championship, Finland (rpt)
13:30 Motorcycling: Spanish Grand Prix (rpt)
15:00 Triathlon: World Cup, Japan
16:00 Ice Hockey: World Championship, Finland
18:30 Tennis: ATP Mercedes Super 9, Germany
20:00 Ice Hockey: World Championship, Finland
22:30 Sumo
23:30 Tennis: ATP Mercedes Super 9, Germany
00:00 Eurogoals
1:00 Ice Hockey: World Championship, Finland
1:30 Golf: Spanish *Tour (rpt)*

■ PRIME SPORTS
(unconfirmed)

4:30 English Cricket – Warwickshire vs. Northants
9:30 Showjumping: Volvo World Cup
10:30 Soccer: World *Cup Hall of Fame*
11:00 Asia Sport Show
11:30 Asian Soccer Show
12:30 Sport India
13:00 English Cricket: B&H Cup
16:30 Golf: Inside PGA Tour
17:00 English Cricket *(contd.)*
21:00 Superbike World Championship: British Grand Prix
22:30 Super League Rugby
00:30 Asian Soccer Show
1:30 Showjumping: Volvo World Cup
2:30 Cricket: India Tour of West Indies

■ BBC WORLD

News on the hour
7:30 Correspondent (rpt)
8:00 Newsdesk
9:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
10:30 Correspondent (rpt)
11:30 The Clothes Show (rpt)
12:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
13:30 Top Gear (rpt)
14:00 Newsdesk
15:30 Correspondent (rpt)
16:15 World Business Report
16:30 Asia-Pacific Newshour
17:30 Film '97
18:30 Hard Talk with Tim Sebastian
19:30 Tomorrow's World (rpt)
21:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
22:30 Window on Europe
23:30 Cities of the Future – Singapore
00:00 Newsdesk & *Business Report*
1:00 Asia Today
2:10 Newsnight

■ CNN INTERNATIONAL

News throughout the day
6:30 NBA Week
7:30 Insight (rpt)
8:30 Global View
9:30 World Sport
11:30 CNN Newsroom
13:30 American Edition
13:45 Q&A (rpt)
14:00 Asian News
14:30 World Sport
15:00 Asian News
15:30 Business Asia
16:00 Impact
17:30 World Sport (rpt)
18:30 Earth Matters
19:30 Q & A with Riz Khan
20:45 American Edition
21:00 World Business Today
21:30 World News
22:00 Impact
23:00 European News
23:30 Insight
00:00 World Business Today
00:30 World Sport
1:00 World View
2:30 Moneyline

RADIO

■ VOICE OF MUSIC

6:06 Morning Concert
9:05 Works by Abel Ehrlich, Giya Kancheli, Ben-Zion Orgad, Oded Zehavi, Mordechai Seter, Milhaud, John Williams
12:00 Light Classical – Adagio movements from cello concertos by Vivaldi, Stamitz, Haydn, Boccherini, Viotti, Dvorak, Elgar
13:00 Artists of the Week – I Fiamminghi cond. Rudolf Werthen. Mahler: Adagietto from Symphony no 5; Barber: Adagio for strings op 11; Guillaume Lekeu: Adagio for strings op 3
14:06 Encore
14:30 Singer Josef Schmidt in operatic arias and hazanut
15:00 Cycle of Works – Beethoven's piano concertos
16:00 Early music
17:00 Siblings Ada Brodsky and Eldad Neumark visit their hometown in Germany and tell the inhabitants in words and music about their childhood during the Nazi period
19:00 Rainbow of Sounds
20:05 Schubert: Sonata in A minor for piano op 143 (Gilels); Spohr: Violin concerto no 9; Rachmaninoff: Vocalise
21:00 A Matter of Agreement
23:00 Just Jazz

PRIME TIME TV

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19:30	News flash I Search for My Brothers News		The Hidden Children			
20:00		News			Avigail in Yad Mordechai	Holocaust Remembrance Day panel discussion
20:30	Shtetl	Daddy Come to the Luna Park	Lapidankner	Experience Preferred... but Not Essential	Amos in Kibbutz Lohamei Hageta'ot	
21:00			The Other Woman		Anne Frank's Way	Collective Memory
21:30					Classic Fairy Tales	
22:00	A Different Drummer	The House on Carroll Street		Ladybird, Ladybird	Bird of Paradise	Goethe and the Ghetto
22:30			Love Story with Yossi Siyas			
23:00	Fantasy for the Piano		Friends			

MOVIES

JERUSALEM
CINEMATHEQUE Michael Collins 9:30 • Sophie's Choice 9:30 G.G. GIL Jerusalem Mall (Malha) ☎ 6788448 Relic∞Ridiculle∞Michael 9:45 • Dante's Peak∞Fierce Creatures 9:45 • Space Jam 9:45 • The Saint 9:45 JERUSALEM THEATER The Prisoner of the Mountains 8:30, 10:30 • Kolya 8:30, 10:30 RAV CHEN 1-7 ☎ 6792799 Credit Card Reservations ☎ 6794477 Rav-Mecher Building, 19 Ha'oman St., Talpiot Metro 9:45 • The English Patient 9:30 • Everyone Says I Love You 9:45 • Jerry Maguire 9:45 • The Devil's Own 9:45 • 101 Dalmatians 9:45 MEVASSERET ZION Mars Attacks! 9:45 • Michael 9:45 SMADAR Shine 8, 10
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DIZENGOFF ☎ 5101370 Kolya∞Taxi ! 8:15, 10:15 • Box of Moonlight 8:15 • Mulholland Falls 10:15 7:45, 10 • Citizen Kane 10 G.G. HOD 1-4 ☎ 5226226 Hod Passage, 101 Dizengoff St. Ridicule 10 • Space Jam 10 • Empire of the Senses 10 • Michael 10 LEV The Prisoner of the Mountains 11:15 a.m., 6:30, 8:15 • Beautiful Thing 10 • Michael 10 7:45, 10 • Jerry Maguire 9:45 • Return of the Jedi 9:45 • 101 Dalmatians 7:45, 10 • The Devil's Own 7:45, 10 • Romeo and Juliet 7:45, 10 • RAV-OR 1-5 ☎ 5102674 Opera House The Crash∞Marvin's Room 7:45, 10 • Big Night∞Two Days in The Valley 7:45, 10 • The People vs Larry Flynt 9:45 10 • Dante's Peak 10 8, 10
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CINEMA CAFÉ AMAMI ☎ 8325755 Secrets and Lies 9:45 GLOBECITY The Saint∞Dante's Peak∞The Relic 9:45 • Space Jam∞Michael 9:45 9:15 9:15 ORLY Everyone Says I Love You 9:15 *RAV-GAT The English Patient 9:15 • The* Devil's Own 9:15 RAV-MOR Metro 9:30 • Scream 9:30 • Jerry Maguire 9:30 • Marvin's Room 9:30 • The English Patient 9:30 • Return of the Jedi 9:30 • The Devil's Own 9:30 RAV-OR Metro 9:30 • Jerry Maguire 9:30 • Marvin's Room 9:30
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RAV CHEN ☎ 6424047 The English Patient 9:15 • Space Jam 9:30 • Metro 9:30
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STAR ☎9950904 Dante's Peak∞ Michael 9:30 • Romeo and Juliet 9:30
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G.G. GIL ☎8440771 Dante's Peak∞Kolya∞Empire of the Senses 10 • Secrets and Lies 10 G.G. ORI The Relic∞Shine∞The Saint 10 • Michael 10
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STAR ☎9246823 Jerry Maguire 7:15, 10 • Kazaam 11 a.m., 5 • Space Jam 11 a.m., 5, 7:30, 10 • The Empire Strikes Back 11 a.m., 7:30, 10 • Star Wars 5
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NEWS
in brief

Israel Prize Committee meets today

The Israel Prize Committee is due to meet today to reconsider their decision to award the coveted prize to journalist Shmuel Schnitzer. The High Court of Justice ruled that the committee should do so in the light of an article which Schnitzer wrote which was highly critical of the efforts to bring the Ethiopian Jewish community to Israel. Education Minister Zevulun Hammer is reportedly strongly in favor of awarding Schnitzer the prize despite the article. Jerusalem attorney, Prof. Michael Corinaldi, a member of the Beta Yisrael Council, said yesterday that the issue is no longer about Schnitzer, but whether Israeli society was willing to rid itself of the last vestiges of racism.
Haim Shapiro

Vanunu appears before High Court

Mordechai Vanunu, serving a life sentence for selling nuclear secrets to the *Sunday Times* of London, appeared yesterday before the High Court of Justice.

Vanunu was brought into the courtroom under heavy guard and the session was held behind closed doors. No details were available regarding the subject of the hearing.

Vanunu appeared before the court without a lawyer.
Batsheva Tsur

22 lightly hurt in clan violence

Fifteen homes suffered serious damage, an undisclosed number of car windows were shattered, and 22 villagers were lightly hurt, mainly by thrown rocks, in clan violence in Jurish village Saturday night. Police arrested 12 persons from both clans, but released most of them after questioning. The violence in the Arab village near Ramle apparently escalated from a quarrel among children from both clans, police said. Extra policemen were stationed in the village yesterday in an effort to calm the situation.
Itim

Suspect held in murder of Turan man

Nazareth police yesterday arrested a resident of Turan village, a man in his forties, suspected of stabbing to death villager Salah Salameh, 23, on Saturday. Police also arrested two other villages suspected of stabbing and seriously wounding two Turan youths during clan violence the day before. Meanwhile, Galilee Moslem leaders are trying to bring about a reconciliation between the two clans.
Itim

Operation starting to trap vehicle polluters in TA

The Environment Ministry is scheduled to start today a campaign monitoring the exhausts of diesel engines in the Tel Aviv area in an effort to reduce air pollution there.

The campaign is expected to last two weeks and will involved emissions testing of buses, trucks, taxis and other diesel-fueled vehicles. The ministry testers will be accompanied by policemen, can order vehicles not fitting with emission-control devices off the road, or issue a NIS 210 fine to drivers whose emissions exceed the permitted amount of pollutants despite being properly equipped.

The city and ministry are also investigating operating public transport using alternative fuels.
Liat Collins

Tichon hosts Japanese parliamentarian

Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon yesterday hosted the head of the Japanese parliament's Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, Aichiro Aisawa, who is on a tour of the Middle East.

Tichon explained the Israeli political system to his guest and said, despite the current difficulties, he is positive peace will ultimately be achieved.

The Japanese visitor said his country will make every effort to further the peace process. He expressed admiration for Israel's technological and economic development.
Liat Collins

Israeli ad wins prize in NY competition

A 30-second commercial by Uri Inbar for Delta Textiles' "Jeans-Li" label made for the Symbol Peres ad agency won first prize in its category at the 1997 Astrid International competition in New York.

This year there were 1,700 entries in all categories from 24 countries.
Helen Kaye



Backbone of the IDF

Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak awards a certificate of merit to Staff-Sgt. Maj. Leon Assaf, head of the Central Command motor pool, as Brig.-Gen. Mati Harari looks on. Shahak gave Independence Day certificates to 50 outstanding noncoms, whom he called the IDF's 'backbone.' (IDF Spokesman)

Report: Antisemitic violence down worldwide

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Violent antisemitic incidents may have dropped significantly around the world in 1996, but expressions of antisemitism, particularly on the Internet, remained stable or increased according to a report released yesterday in Jerusalem.

Moreover, the raising of demands for the return of Jewish property confiscated during the Holocaust has raised sensitive issues in many countries, encouraging local Holocaust-deniers who say they are simply another attempt at international Jewish blackmail, according to the report.

Antisemitism Worldwide, 1996/7, prepared by Tel Aviv University's Project for the Study of Antisemitism, in conjunction with the Anti-Defamation League and the World Jewish Congress, said violent incidents involving weapons dropped from 72 in 1994 to 32 in 1996, and violent incidents without weapons from 232 in 1994 to 165 last year. Only Australia registered an increase, where such incidents were up 12 percent.

Dr. Dina Porat, who heads the project, attributed this to increased legislation against antisemitism and racism and better enforcement, particularly in Europe. She said this was because "the Europeans understand that antisemitism does not exist alone, but is rather a part of a larger climate of racism and fanaticism which can express itself in violence, making it a pan-European problem of which antisemitism is just a part."

She noted this was in contradiction to the sharp rise in power of radical right-wing political parties in Europe like that of Jean Marie Le Pen in France, Jorg Haider in Austria, and Filip Dewinter in Belgium, all with antisemitic elements in their agendas.

The "Swiss Gold" affair has aroused conflicting responses, according to the report. While some, mainly in the West, see the Jews as "fighters for deprived rights and property," others are using the claims "for renewed antisemitic arguments and activity," it says.

Dr. Avi Beker, executive director of the World Jewish Congress's Israel office, said that "the very fact that we dealt with real estate, with property, is something that really touched a very sensitive nerve in the European collective psychology. Because for so many years, it was quite easy for many European nations to say that 'the Nazis did it.'

"But when you deal with the property, when you deal with human beings whose belongings were taken from them before they went to the death camps, you are really realizing that this mass murder couldn't take place without very close cooperation of local populations and local authorities in several countries."

Some of the world's most virulent antisemitism appears in the Arab press, where there was a "significant increase" in the number of antisemitic articles or cartoons, according to Esther Webman, a project researcher. Politics is just "an excuse" for such items, with motifs similar to those used throughout the world: The Jew as the spreader of drugs or AIDS, and as generally corrupt, she said.

Webman said the articles peaked during the bombing of Kafr Kana in Lebanon during Operation Grapes of Wrath, with one Arab paper calling it "the Kanacaust." The election of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu also spurred such items, including one photograph in Egypt's *al-Dustar* last October in which a swastika stuck on Netanyahu's forehead.

Increasing numbers of Egyptian journalists and writers had agreed to discuss this phenomenon, she said, perhaps because of pressure brought to bear by Jewish groups in Washington. Nonetheless, Webman said, there was an increase in "the characters and ideas" used by the Nazis in their propaganda in such Arab antisemitic articles and cartoons, aimed at "demonizing Israel."

According to the report, violent antisemitic acts in the US were down from 1,843 to 1,712, an 11% drop. However, Harry Wall, director of the Anti-Defamation League's Israel office, said US Jews still face the threat of antisemitism, particularly on the Internet and as expressed by Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan.

"The Internet and E-mail gives antisemites the potential to reach millions of people with their propaganda denying the Holocaust, whereas it was once limited to radical people who put out pamphlets on the streets or sent it out by mail," Wall said. The ADL and other organizations are fighting this phenomenon, "but there is a problem regarding [respect for] freedom of speech and with the technology."

Antisemitic incidents in the UK were reported down 8.1%, continuing a three-year trend, attributed in the report to better policing, communal security, and a reduction in the dissemination of antisemitic literature. There was a marked increase in incidents around the time of Operation Grapes of Wrath, as was the case in other countries as well.

Antisemitic - "manifestations" increased in South Africa during 1996, according to the report, due to the Middle East situation. Several graves were desecrated in Pretoria and Bloemfontein, and slogans and swastikas were daubed on buildings. Two Jewish institutions received bomb threats, the report said.

Antisemitic incidents were down 26.3% in Canada, attributed to the demise of some antisemitic groups, and overall improved community vigilance and education. Nonetheless, a Jewish National Fund office in Calgary received a package bomb that hurt an employee.

Antisemites weaving a Web of hatred

A modem is becoming the antisemite's best friend, as Holocaust-deniers and Jew-haters continue to exploit cyberspace to spread their venomous diatribes.

Cost-effective, quick, and able to transfer large amounts of material, the Internet has become the new playground of hate groups, according to a special chapter entitled "Antisemitism on the Internet," by David Sitman, in the TAU report on antisemitism issued yesterday.

According to cabinet secretary Danny Naveh, a member of a forum which monitors antisemitism, there are now some 200 sites proferring such material. Most material still comes from the US and Canada and is in English, but some in other languages is also being offered.

Material is offered via the World Wide Web or via Usenet newsgroups, and includes sites run by Holocaust deniers such as the Committee for Open Debate on the Holocaust (www.codoh.com), White Pride and Racial Diversity (www.whitepower.com); or JWS Militant Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (www.mindspring.com/~creativity/Creator). The most popular is the Zundelsite, (www.webcom.com/~exundel/english), run by Ernst Zundel, who Sitman says is careful never to overtly attack Jews, but who insists Hitler never gave an order to eradicate the Jews.

Islamic antisemites are also out there, as in Radio Islam (www.flashback.se/~rislam), and Christian antisemites are also on the Net, as in the Aryan Nations site of Richard Butler (www.stormfront.org/an.htm).

Four main Usenet newsgroups – alt.revisionism; alt.politics.nationalism.white; alt.politics.white-power; and alt.skinheads also exist.

Five groups are now tracking antisemitism, racism and hate offerings on the Net, including the ADL (www.adl.org/) and the Simon Wiesenthal Center (www.wiesenthal.com/). It appears they will have their hands full. Sitman advises those who encounter such sites to contact their Internet providers, who may not even be aware of their existence.
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Yahalom wants judicial appointment panel meeting delayed

By BATSHEVA TSUR

MK Shaul Yahalom, the chairman of the Knesset Law Committee, has come out against holding a meeting of the committee for appointing judges next Tuesday.

Yahalom said that holding the meeting the day before the High Court hears petitions on the Bar-On Affair is "inconsistent with any kind of orderly government and conveys the impression of being overly hasty."

It is imperative that the members of the committee be totally independent, Yahalom said. Thus, there is no way that Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi, whose fate is to be discussed in the High Court the following day, could be independent of the representatives of the court who sit on the committee. He called on Hanegbi to cancel the meeting.

Yahalom also charged that Supreme Court President Aharon Barak and Hanegbi had agreed between them on five candidates for the vacant positions without giving the committee members the chance to propose other candidates, as required by law.

At an urgent session on Friday, the Israel Bar Association charged that Barak had failed to keep his promise to postpone the committee meeting. One of the two Bar representatives on the committee, Shmuel Samuel, said he had approached Barak on the eve of Pessah to postpone the meeting and that Barak had assured him it would not take place.

The Movement for Quality Government yesterday petitioned the High Court to issue an injunction preventing meeting.

If the meeting is held as planned, the committee is expected to appoint Prof. Yitzhak Engelrad to the Supreme Court and to elect three magistrates court judges and a traffic court judge.

Englerad reportedly has Barak's backing, but the Bar would reportedly like to see the appointment of a district court judge to the Supreme Court. The appointment requires a majority among the nine committee members.

Hanegbi yesterday denied there was any connection between the Bar-On Affair and the timing of the committee meeting.

In a letter to Yahalom, he said that this was "an artificial attempt to hint at a connection... I see no substantive reason to postpone the meeting."

Hanegbi sent a similar letter to the bar.

Hanegbi did not receive any suggestions other than Engelrad as a candidate for the Supreme Court, including from the Bar, Justice Ministry spokeswoman Etty Eshed said last night. She said that four months had elapsed since Justice Tsevi Tal had stepped down, and that Henegbi had not called a meeting of the committee in this time so as to provide ample chance for suggestions.

"There is no justification for further delay in appointing a justice to the Supreme Court and [waiting] until the High Court hands down its decision, which could take several weeks," she said.

Undercover soldiers petition against their indictment

Justice Mishael Cheshin yesterday ordered all judicial proceedings against three officers in the IDF's Duvdevan unit put on hold until the High Court of Justice hears their petition. They have asked the court to order either Judge Advocate-General Brig.-Gen. Uri Shoham or OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan to cancel an indictment charging them with negligent homicide.

Cheshin also ordered a ban on publishing their names or any information from their petition relating to the manner in which Duvdevan operates.

The charges relate to an incident in October 1994, in which Arye Houri was killed as he was driving near the village of Idna in the Hebron area.

A force of the undercover unit had been sent to the area in an attempt to capture suspects, who, according to intelligence information, were traveling on back roads at night in cars bearing Israeli license plates.

The force, commanded by two of the petitioners, saw a car approaching, and ordered the driver to stop. According to the petitioners, the driver refused to stop, and tried to run down the soldiers. The soldiers opened fire on the vehicle, causing the driver – Houri – to lose control and hit a tree. He later died of his injuries.

Following the incident, the two force commanders, the then-head of the Duvdevan unit, and its operations officer, who was in charge of the field command post, were charged with negligent homicide. The officers made several attempts to get the indictment canceled, saying the incident had taken place during an operation and the soldiers had acted reasonably under the circumstances. They cited several military experts and senior officers, including Deputy Chief of General Staff Maj.-Gen. Matan Vilna'i, who backed their claim.

A military court rejected their appeal. (Itim)

Ne'eman verdict set for May 15

By RAINE MARCUS

The verdict in the trial of former justice minister Ya'acov Ne'eman, accused of perjury and obstructing justice, is to be given on May 15 in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court, Judge Dan Arbel announced yesterday.

Ne'eman, who was forced to resign as justice minister following a petition to the High Court of Justice, was charged in connection with MK Aryeh Deri's ongoing criminal trial.

The perjury charge is that Ne'eman submitted a false affidavit to the High Court in response to *Globes* journalist Yoav Yitzhak's petition against his appointment. Later Ne'eman corrected his declaration to the court, and yesterday Judge Arbel asked the prosecution if this could have a bearing on whether he had criminal intent.

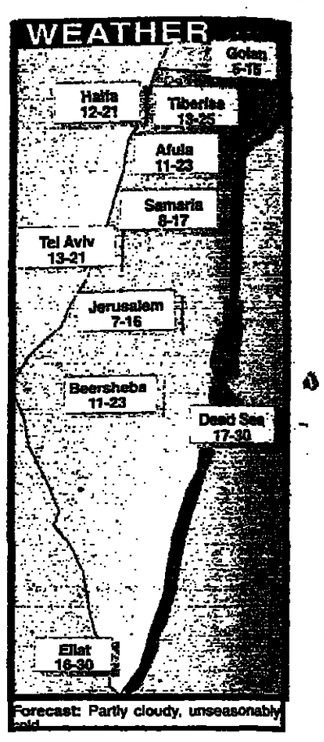
"Isn't it possible that the accused simply made a mistake which he corrected later, and in which case there was no criminal intent in his declaration?" Arbel asked prosecutor Ruth David.

David answered that this would depend on whether the court believed the accused that a genuine mistake was made. In her opinion, she stated, Ne'eman deliberately lied to cover up the fact that he tried to suborn the prosecution witness, Martin Brown, in Deri's trial.



Ya'acov Ne'eman (Isaac Harari)

There were other "mistakes" in Ne'eman's declaration, David continued. "If the issue were only one mistake, then we could believe it was genuine," she said. "But it is hard to believe that all the mistakes were made innocently."



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	LOW C	LOW F	HIGH C	HIGH F	
Amsterdam	06	43	16	61	cloudy
Berlin	11	52	20	68	clear
Buenos Aires	09	48	17	63	clear
Cairo	20	68	28	82	p/cloudy
Chicago	04	39	14	57	clear
Copenhagen	03	37	12	54	cloudy
Frankfurt	14	57	27	81	clear
Geneva	14	57	24	75	clear
Helsinki	02	36	09	48	cloudy
Hong Kong	23	73	28	79	rain
Lisbon	16	61	23	73	cloudy
London	13	55	19	66	clear
Los Angeles	18	64	28	82	p/cloudy
Madrid	14	57	28	82	clear
Montreal	03	37	08	46	cloudy
Moscow	01	34	12	54	cloudy
New York	11	52	16	61	cloudy
Paris	14	57	19	66	cloudy
Rome	10	50	23	73	clear
Stockholm	03	37	12	54	clear
Sydney	17	63	24	75	clear
Tokyo	12	54	20	68	clear
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Sharansky links ties with China to human rights

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky yesterday linked the furthering of economic ties between China and Israel to China's efforts to improve its observance of human rights.

Sharansky is the first Israeli or European leader to try to link human rights improvements and economic ties with China, his spokesman, Roman Polansky, said.

At a meeting with China's State Planning Commission Minister Chen Jinuha, Sharansky urged his guest to improve the human rights situation in China, to build economic confidence between China and Israel.

Sharansky, who asked the Foreign Ministry for details about the state of human rights in China before the meeting, was advised by the ministry not to broach the subject, as the Chinese are extremely sensitive about the matter. He was told only the Americans have done so.

But Sharansky decided to ignore the advice. He told Chen that as a former human rights activist he could not keep silent "when I know that thousands of human rights activists are imprisoned in China. When we talk of long-term credit guarantees and foreign trade risk insurance, how can I have confidence of that, if I have no confidence in your assurances regarding your legal system."

The Chinese minister was not surprised by Sharansky's demand and promptly answered that when US Vice President Al Gore visited China recently, the Chinese had persuaded him that things were not as bad as the media portrayed them.